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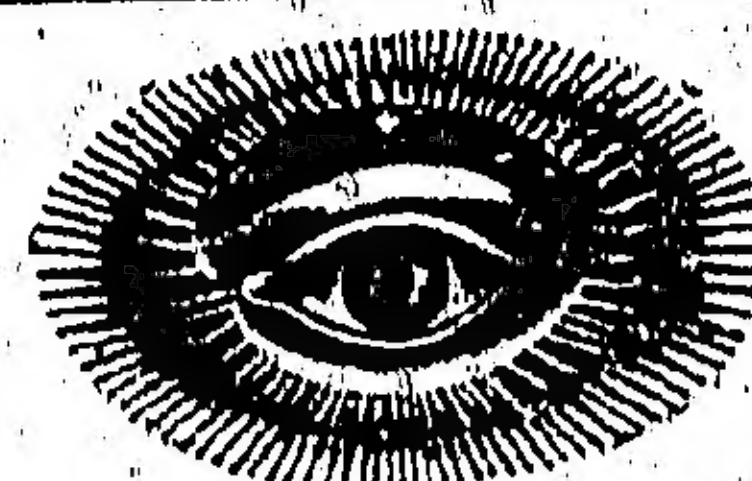
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BRITISH PLANES.

ROYAL AIR FORCE SQUADRON COMING.

Additional precautions are being taken by the Powers, the United States having decided to send still another detachment of fifteen hundred Marines, and Britain having decided to send a Royal Air Force Squadron consisting of reconnaissance machines.

AMERICA'S ANXIETY.

Another Fifteen Hundred Marines.
Washington, April 8.—The Government has decided to send fifteen hundred more Marines to China.
Admiral Williams has informed the Navy Department that conditions at Hankow are steadily worsening.
The Chinese authorities are apparently not trying to check lawlessness.—Reuter's American Service.

MORE PLANES.

A Squadron Ordered To China.
London, April 8.—One of the Air Force squadrons stationed at Ramsgate has been ordered to China.—Reuter.
Reconnaissance Machines.
Rugby, April 8.—The No. 2 Army Co-operation Squadron of the Royal Air Force are under orders to proceed to China, though the date of departure is not settled.
The Squadron is equipped with reconnaissance and not bombing machines, and is the first air force unit detailed for China.—British Wireless Service.

JAPAN'S DECISION.

Matter For War Minister's Discretion.
Tokyo, April 7.—The Cabinet Council has decided that no more troops shall be sent to China at present, but the War Minister is empowered to use his own discretion regarding the possible future requirements.—Reuter.

RADIO ITEMS.

Dutch Wreck Rescues Mentioned.
Rugby, April 8.—Latest advices from China include the following items:—
At Wuhu the commanding officer of the British warship "Caradoc" was asked by the Cantonese Commissioner for Foreign Affairs for a list of houses owned by British and American subjects, the object being to protect them by putting up posters. The request was complied with.
All British subjects have now left Wenchow except five Customs officials and one woman missionary.
The shipping strike at Kiukiang has been settled on practically the same terms, offered three months ago.
Fourteen hundred Chinese have been rescued by the British warships "Dragon," "Stormcloud" and "Frobisher" from the "Tjilbeet," a Dutch vessel wrecked at Lingting Island.—British Wireless Service.

WANG CHING-WEL.

Canton Paper And His Return.
Yesterday's "Canton Gazette" contains the following item:—
Shanghai, April 4 (by telegraph)—The British propaganda campaign to magnify the small differences amongst the leaders of the Kuomintang, is now completely upset by the return to China of Mr. Wang Ching-wel who, when he left Canton last year on sick leave, was the Chairman of the Nationalist Government.
Mr. Wang arrived at Shanghai from Paris where he has been under medical treatment. He has been welcomed by General Chiang Kai-shek who last year was considered his political opponent.
It is authoritatively stated in Nationalist circles here that Mr.

TO KILL A MAN!

How Agitators Are Executed.

OLD TIME SWORD & AUTHORITY.

"Relics" of Imperial China are still used to-day for putting a man to death. Such "implements" are embellished with all their former grandeur, the better to serve as a warning to others.
Photos are shown here of a sword, accoutrement and the "authority" of a Northern general.
Whereas the Cantonese use the more modern firearm to carry out executions, the Northerners adhere to the execution methods of monarchy days. The Northerners, or Fengtienites as they are also called, mostly come from the provinces forming Manchuria and the two "metropolitan" provinces, where the glory of a defunct dynasty has taken longest time to fade out. Hence the survival of the "head chopping." Used at Shanghai.
The photographs reproduced herewith were taken at the barrier just outside the International Settlement, Shanghai, at the junction of North Chekiang and Elgin Roads where the Northerners had been busy with agitators prior to the entry of the Southerners.



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On the left is the heavy sword, bespattered with blood. In the left centre is a leather scabbard, with straps, buckle, etc. The hilt of the sword bears a chop. The handle is bound in red and green cord, around which is tied strips of cloth in the same colours.
Both sword and scabbard stand against a "background" of fancy work, to which the sword and sheath are secured when borne about in public.
Emphasising Authority.
In the centre is a triangular flag of yellow silk, attached to a brown bamboo pole, at the bottom of which is a black arrow head.
A Chinese word (character) is on both the centre of the small flag and the arrow head. It means "authority" and, as such, can only be issued by division headquarters. No general who has anything less than a division under him is entitled to display such "authority"—in this case, for an execution.
On the right hand side of the picture is a yellow cover in oil silk. This cover goes over the triangular flag when the whole thing is wrapped up, and it extends down to the foot of the pole, i.e., to just above the black arrow head.

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The regulations relating to the prevention of disorder which were published in the "Government Gazette" of January 28 have been amended by the addition of the following regulation at the end:—
6. It shall be lawful for a magistrate, upon such notice (if any) as he shall think fit, to order to be forfeited any thing whatsoever which may appear to belong to any proscribed organisation, whether proscribed before or after the coming into operation of this regulation. Any thing so forfeited shall be disposed of in such manner as the Captain Superintendent of Police may direct.



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This photo shows the equipment rolled up for carrying about. Least there should be any mistake about the authority, the "character" on the arrow-head still shows. In this case, the silk cover is also

HEROIC WOMEN.

Brave Deeds of the War Recalled.

LONDON PAYS ITS TRIBUTE.

Rugby, April 8.—The four gallant French women who sheltered British soldiers at the risk of their lives in their homes behind the German lines during the war were honoured by the citizens of London to-day.
They were received by the Lord Mayor and the Lady Mayoress at a great gathering at the Mansion House, and addresses of thanks were presented to them, together with annuities that will maintain them in comfort.
The French women were Madame Cardon, Madame Belmont Gobert, Madame Lesure, her daughter, and Madame Baudhuin.
The Lord Mayor recited their acts of heroism.
Madame Cardon of Villame and her husband concealed Corporal Hill, of the Eleventh Hussars, for thirteen months. Then Hill was betrayed and shot by the Germans.
Madame Cardon was condemned to death but sentence was commuted to twenty years' hard labour. M. Cardon escaped but right up to Armistice led a life of incredible suffering. He died a few years ago the victim of his courage in harbouring a British soldier.
Another tragedy followed the shooting of Corporal Hill. When his mother heard of his death she lost her reason and never recovered it wholly. When she was told last Friday that her son's benefactor was coming to London, she seemed overjoyed in the prospect of seeing Madame Cardon. Then she suddenly fell back dead.

As the Lord Mayor told the story Corporal Hill's father, who was present, went down on his knees, and kissed the shoes of Madame Cardon. His tribute moved many spectators to tears.
Mademoiselle Belmont Gobert, and her daughter, sheltered for four years trooper Fowler, of the Eleventh Hussars, concealing him in a wardrobe. They were in constant fear of the problem of obtaining food for Fowler, and a large portion of the food which came into the poor home was purchased with the proceeds of embroidery and other work.
Madame Baudhuin sheltered Private Cruickshanks, of the Cameronians at Leicestershire. She and the soldier were brought before a German court martial, when she made so impassioned an appeal for the British boy that the tribunal commuted his sentence to one of imprisonment.—British Wireless Service.

be-smattered with blood. Near the top two Chinese national flags (five horizontal stripes) are crossed and the flags are in colours. A fancy border in red adorns the edges of the cover.
From the Great General.
Stamped in the middle of the cover are words which mean:—
"Vice commander-in-chief of the Ankuochun (i.e., Northern Army), concurrently commander-in-chief of the Allied Armies of Chihli and Shantung provinces—Chang."
The Chang in this instance is General Chang Tsung-chang, Tapan of Shantung province, right hand man of Marshal Chang Tso-lin and now fighting the Cantonese to the North of Nanking.
In effect, the soldier bearers of this "authority" are from Chang Tsung-chang's own command.
Spectators Must Kneel.
The complete outfit consists of two separate parts. The sword, in its scabbard and dangle from the cloth "background" shown in the upper photo, is carried by the executioner proper. The small flag, with the cover over it (as in the lower illustration) is borne in triumph by the escort—
in triumph because all Chinese who pass it are expected to kneel down immediately and thereby show their respect for it.
Such executions are carried out generally in some conspicuous spot, so as to be a lesson to the greatest number. With the arrow-head resting on the ground and the flag flying, a cord is put around the victim who is held down firmly, and the wielder of the sword removes his head in one stroke.

TO JOIN HANDS?

What Chiang & Chang May Do.

LATEST ANTI-COMMUNIST COUPS

[By "Li Chung-yin."]
If there is still a possibility that Marshal Chang Tso-lin of Peking and General Chiang Kai-shek are to join hands in unifying China, their respective "coups" against Communist elements are most significant.
On the one hand, the Fengtien chieftain shows his dislike of Bolshevism by raiding the "Reds." The next day the Southern commander-in-chief makes his most decisive move against the Hankow extremists.
To discount this, is the fact that the Cantonese vanguards have not been given the order to halt, although they have marched a good distance north of the bridge-head at Nanking. And General Chang Tsung-chang has been counter-attacking.
The Element of Doubt.
Can one reason about this or that Chinese military situation as one can about such situations elsewhere?
First of all, Chang Tsung-chang engages in an enormous enterprise of ferrying an entire armoured train across the Yangtze by lashing junk together in primitive fashion, then moving the cars across a stream two miles wide—a feat accomplished by "White" Russian engineers—so that the armoured train, manned by "White" Russian mercenaries, can be used against the Cantonese.
With considerable sacrifice, Chang Tsung-chang withdraws all his men and guns northwards and the Southerners are made a gift of Shanghai.

Mockery of Warfare.
Marshal Chang Tso-lin drains Manchuria of all available troops for active service in Honan and Kiangsu provinces. The Mukden Warlord's lieutenant (Chang Tsung-chang) withdraws some of his men (nearer Peking) into Shantung while still dangle a spear-head in the eyes of the Kuomintang advance guards.
Every time that a real trial of strength appears imminent, a real clash is avoided by tortuous intrigues and purchased treacheries. What if Fengtien's superior troops, and their better equipment and modern material are balanced by expert "Red" Russian strategy, the appeal of Chiang Kai-shek's name and the sympathy of the masses? The whole civil war may be decided without another shot being fired.

One At a Time.
Irrespective of whether Mr. Wang Ching-wai (the Kuomintang chairman) has thrown in his lot with Chiang Kai-shek or not, the chances are that the Cantonese military leader will not yet risk an actual trial by combat with his so-called colleagues at Hankow. True, his loyal 4th Army, has crossed from Kiangsi into Hunan to sit on the line between Hankow and Canton, but greater issues have to be settled first. From the way that he has moved in the field, Chiang Kai-shek does not appear to favour a compromise with Peking—at least not while he can do without it. His policy, even before he became commander-in-chief (in fact when he was no more than head of the Whampoa Cadet Academy) has been to play one side against the other. It is only logical to anticipate that he will fight one foe instead of two.
Stronger on Paper.
As long as he wins in battle, he will concentrate on the march North but, there again, the Northerners have a strong entrenchment at Hsuechow (on the junction of the Nanking-Peking and Lung-Hai Railways) and a natural last ditch in the Yellow River. Not till all danger from the Fengtien Party is removed is he likely to invade the territory controlled by the Hankow extremists.
On paper, Chiang Kai-shek is much stronger than his rivals in the Kuomintang. The capture of Shanghai gives him the power at one time exclusively held by Hankow.
The distant threat to Chang Tso-lin's flank of that formidable ally of the Cantonese (the "Christian" general, Feng Yu-hsiang) will be more apparent when summer has set in.

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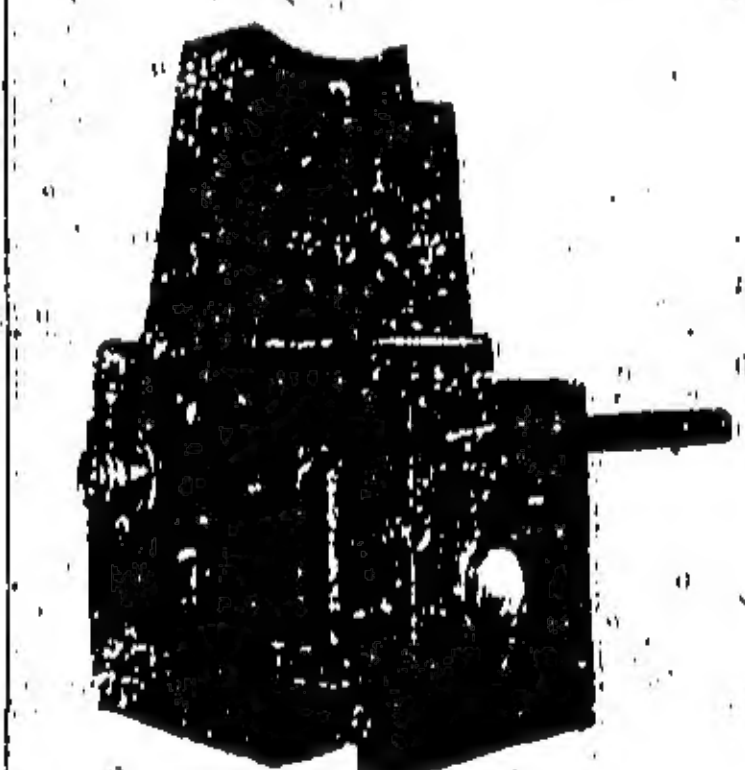
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A ROMANTIC CAREER.

One of the most romantic of modern ship histories comes under notice by the report that the Peruvian s.s. "Amazonas," has been salvaged off the Scotland Light Vessel, hopelessly broken down. It is not often that a Cape mail steamer has the distinction of becoming a yacht, a treasure hunter, a transport, and finally a tramp steamer. The "Amazonas" was built as the Donald Currie steamer "Harlech Castle" by Barclay, Currie & Co. in 1894, a single-screw ship of just over 3,000 tons, with a speed of 12 1/2 knots and accommodation for 40 first-class passengers and up to 250 in the steerage. She ran uneventfully until 1900, when she became a trooper for the South African War. After the war she was trooping to Bermuda, but in 1904 the amalgamation of the old Union and Castle Companies rendered her surplus to requirements, and Earl Fitzwilliam bought her for use as a yacht, renaming her "Veronique."

His idea was to take her treasure hunting to the pirates' dump on Cocos Island, but unfortunately a party from British Columbia were there first, and the treasure hunt developed into something like a pitched battle. The "Veronique" was left at Panama, and in 1905 sold to the Peruvian Navy, where she became the cruiser transport "Iquitos."

In the early days of the war the shortage of tonnage persuaded the Navy to sell her for a very fair price, but they soon had her back on their hands, and it was not until 1920 that she finally became the cargo steamer "Amazonas."

She was transferred in 1925, and has been tramping practically ever since.

VICE-ADMIRAL'S DEATH.

London, April 8. The death is announced of Vice-Admiral Judge d'Arcy, a member of the retired list. He retired as Vice-Admiral on July 8, 1926. He was promoted to captain on June 30, 1910, and to Rear Admiral on May 2, 1921.

SHIPS IN PORT.

This morning there were 71 ocean-going merchant vessels in Hong Kong harbour, of which number 21 fly the British flag. During the 24 hours ended at 9 a.m. to-day there were 17 arrivals (2 British) and 14 departures (6 British).

HARBOUR OBSTRUCTION.

Before Lt. Comdr. G. F. Hole, R.N., in the Marine Court this morning, the owner of a cargo-boat was fined \$3 for causing an obstruction in the southern fairway of the harbour.

FISHING NET THEFTS.

Two men have been arrested at Tai O (Lantau Island) and charged in connection with this week's series of thefts of fishing nets from various places in the Colony's waters. Sixteen nets, valued at \$48, have been recovered by the Police.

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NAME OF NEW WARSHIPS.

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KHIVA	9,136	18th April	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe
NYANZA	7,023	20th April	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe
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LUCKY 13.

THE KIND AND "ONE OF
MY BOYS."

STEEL HOUSE VISIT.

"Mum, the King and Queen
are outside. They are knocking at
our front door!"When Miss Ruby Plant rushed
on Saturday across Bromley Hill, on
the London County Council's Down-
ham estate at Bromley, Kent, to
the back garden of her home, No.
13, her father, who was gardening,
greeted her message with the laugh-
ing reply, "If you pull my leg I will
throw something at you." Her
mother, who was planting blue-
bells, warned her not to try her
tricks. So the King and Queen
knocked again. The rat-tat was so
firm and the dog so startled that Mr.
Plant, who has served 21 years in
the R.N.R., went to peep through
the front window to see what the
joke was about. In his own words:There were the King and the
Queen looking up at our unlucky
number 13. I nearly turned a
somersault. I was too afraid to
touch the door, so I rushed into
the garden and told my wife.
She nearly fainted. You see,
we had just come back from a
little shopping, on my return from
night work as lift operator on the
L.C.C. Greenwich subway. She
bucked up courage and opened
the door, and when we saw the
King and Queen smile we could
not be nervous any more.The King talked to me, and the
Queen joined my wife in a tour
of the house.How the King and Queen spent
20 minutes in this steel house was
then described by both Mr. and Mrs.
Plant.

"One of My Boys."

The King at once saw a photo-
graph of Mr. Plant in sailor's uni-
form on the wall. "Ah, one of my
boys," he said, and began to ques-
tion him about his career. Mr.
Plant told him that during the war
he was in H.M.S. "Macedonia,"
fighting as gunner in the Falkland
battle, served at Zeebrugge in
H.M.S. "Hindustan," and was one
of the R.N.R. men who escorted
the body of the Unknown Warrior
from Victoria to Westminster
Abbey."How do you like a steel house?"
asked the King, laughing heartily
as Mr. Plant replied, "As a sailor
I have lived in them all my life."
The King tried the handle-bars
of Mr. Plant's motor-cycle and
pressed his hand on the saddle. "I
hope you escape accidents," he said.
"I am afraid the road has many
dangers in these days." Caution
pays.While the Queen toured the house
with Mrs. Plant she pointed out
that she was looking for good heat-
ing and other conveniences, parti-
cularly labour-saving devices, and
she thought the L.C.C. were striving
admirably to this end.

Faith in No. 13.

"Well," said Mr. Plant, when his
royal guests had gone, "I now abso-
lutely refuse to believe that No. 13
is unlucky. I got appointed to No.
13 ship, a captured German whaler,
and leave Capetown in it on Decem-
ber 13, sit 13 at table in a mess of
13, with the figure 13 over my head,
became No. 13 of the ship, reach
Sierra Leone on the 13th after a
safe journey, got home on the 13th,
safe and sound, got a home number-
ed 13, and find myself the host of
the King and Queen."The visit of the King and Queen
was in connection with the opening
of the 17,000th house built by the
L.C.C., which the Queen opened with
a special key.Later the King and Queen drove
through the Bellingham Estate,
examining the outside appearance
of houses there and also went round
the East Hill Estate at Wandsworth.
Here the Queen visited the home
of Police-constable Hopper.

MILITARY SENSATION.

Prague, March 6.

General Gajda, who was de-
graded and deprived of military
rank, following a charge of spy-
ing for the Soviet, has won a libel
action against Colonel Kratochvil.
General Gajda contended that if
incriminating documents were in
existence they were forgeries and
took action against Colonel
Kratochvil, as instigator of a
campaign against him. The Court
vindicated General Gajda and
sentenced Colonel Kratochvil to
six weeks' imprisonment with a
fine of 5,000 crowns. A crowd of
Fascists cheered General Gajda
as he left the Court.

FACTORY INCIDENT.

THE QUEEN AND A LITTLE
BOY.

"A VERY NICE BOY."

Nine hundred gifts, all in
coloured overalls, lined the road-
way and cheered the Queen when
she visited Eastman's Dyeing and
Cleaning Factory at Acton Vale,
W.With a courtly bow, John, the
little son of Mr. Ralph Eastman,
presented a bouquet to the Queen,
who patting him on his curly head,
said, "Thank you very much. That
was a very nice bow." With the
boy were Mr. Cyril Eastman's twin
sons.The firm has had entrusted to it
for storage and treatment a number
of tapestries and carpets from Marl-
borough House during its prepara-
tion as the residence of the Prince
of Wales. The Queen wanted to
see the carpets to note the effect
of various kinds of rugs.The Queen made a tour of many
of the apartments and watched the
girls at work. She saw straw hats
being painted and blocked, gloves
cleaned and finished, and in the lace
room she watched the girls with
quickly moving fingers pick out the
pattern on lace which was stretched
across a large frame.When the Queen had completed
her tour, the girls rushed out to the
roadway and gave the departing
royal visitor a rousing cheer.Dr. Heinrich Koehler, the new
Finance Minister of Germany, who,
in presenting his budget to the
Reichstag, expressed grave doubts
as to the ability of Germany to
continue the payment of repara-
tions as set up under the Dawes
plan. Strengthening of German
industry is a prerequisite to ex-
ecution of the Dawes plan, he declared,
and the industries of his country
are now exceedingly weak.

MUDDLED CHARITY.

LADY RAVENSDALE'S PLEA
FOR HOSPITAL."I think often we have a very
muddled idea of charity. When
asked for help, a woman ex-
claims, 'Oh, I cannot afford more
than 2s.' and rushes off in a car
or taxi to buy an expensive dress
or listen-in set, though I never
seem to hear anything 'but
speeches on agriculture and vitami-
ns on that amazing invention.'"
In these words Lady Ravensdale
addressed the members of King's
College Hospital, Ladies' Associa-
tion at the association's annual
meeting.It was seventeen years ago, she
continued, that the foundation-
stone of King's College Hospital
was laid at Denmark-hill. Since
then, year by year, the boroughs
of Camberwell and Lambeth had
been growing. Over 200,000
people per annum knocked at the
door of the hospital, which was
for ever open to them. The
hospital was planned so that the
children's out-patients' depart-
ments should be six times as large
as in the old hospital. In spite
of there being two children's
hospitals in the neighbourhood,
beds for babies and children were
still fatally short. At present
there was at the hospital only
one ward for these little patients,
to which had recently been added
a sunlight outfit.The good in man is hardly ever
mentioned.—Dr. W. Foxley
Norris.

A CALCUTTA SWEEP WINNER.

A man who paid ten rupees for
a ticket in the Calcutta Sweep
and won \$16,800 appeared for his
bankruptcy examination at Can-
terbury. He was Emil Russ,
lately residing at Herne Bay. It
was stated that he won the money
eight years ago, and that he sold
a quarter of his interest in the
ticket, he drew for \$300. His
horse ran second. He estimated
a surplus of assets over liabilities,
which amount to \$2,746.Russ, who lived for many years
in India, told the Court that at
the end of 1919 he returned to
England, and resided at various
addresses in London. He agreed
that he had since lived at the rate
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Hong Kong, Saturday, April 9, 1927.

A SATURDAY CAUSERIE.

The vacillation of the Labour party's policy towards China reflects the struggle between the Moderates and Extremists within for ascendancy. Mr. Ramsay MacDonald has been obliged by the Leftists to go back on his former declaration that had he been Premier he would have taken no less firm an attitude than was taken in regard to the defence of British nationals in China. Mr. MacDonald's later speeches have justified "Punch's" comment that "Mr. Ramsay MacDonald agrees with the measures taken in China: the 'Leader of the Opposition' does not." Mr. MacDonald's hands have been forced by men who have displayed a pitiable ignorance of conditions in China. Men like Mr. Wheatley, for instance, who suggested in the House of Commons that all the British should be repatriated from China, leaving businesses they had built up by years of patient toil to the mercies of the mobs. Carrying the principle involved in Mr. Wheatley's suggestion to its logical conclusion, one might ask if Mr. Wheatley advocates repatriating to China the Chinese who have been no less patient in building up businesses in such places as Malaya, Straits Settlements, Borneo and Australia? Would a consensus of opinion among such as these be in favour of repatriation to China? Their very presence there, sheltering under the peaceful conditions and fair-dealing which British administration affords is sufficient answer. Another Labour member, contesting Mitcham (Mr. A. M. Wall) delivered himself of the following outburst, addressing "Hands Off China" meeting: "There are only 17,000 British nationals in China and they are all people of shady reputations; they employ children ten hours a day for wages that would not keep an Englishman in wood-bines; if the parents of these children now feel disposed to give these exploiters a good thrashing, would you let them?"

them." And this in face of the fact that the lead against child labour in the factories has come from British manufacturers! In such vile and pernicious trash and in many other directions, the extremists in the Labour ranks, if they are really sincere, have demonstrated that they believe just what it suits their purpose to believe.

After the fiasco of the General Strike, it became obvious that Labour as a whole had lost all liking for this industrial weapon. Consequently the growing movement within the Labour Party and the Trade Unions to end the policy of confusing political and industrial causes stood a very good chance of succeeding. At the conclusion of the last General Strike, in which neither Mr. Ramsay MacDonald nor the other saner Labour leaders were in favour, Mr. Thomas openly admitted that the general strike was a crude and foolish procedure. The Trade Union Bill which the Government has brought forward is so moderate as to dispose of any honest excuse for saying that "it is an attack on Trade Unions" and appears to be no more than many Labour leaders, including Mr. MacDonald, have already implied might be necessary. It is difficult to reconcile the present uncompromising attitude of Labour to the Bill with the lessons Labour leaders previously admitted the General Strike had taught. The last strike was a shameful exploitation of Trade Union loyalty and an utter abuse of Trade Union privilege. The object of the present Bill is to emphasise all just rights of Trade Unions and only abolish abuse from which quiet and inoffensive Trade Unionists are the greatest sufferers—such as mass picketing and house to house visit for the purpose of intimidating a man's family. If the Labour leaders cannot defend a General Strike, then they can have no objection to the amendment of the law to place the illegality of a General Strike beyond dispute. If they do defend the use of the weapon of a General Strike, then there is all the more reason for a clearer definition between Trade Union rights as distinct from privileges that have in the past been grossly abused. In regard to picketing, its prohibition would be a relief to all Trade Unionists, except those hopelessly Red-minded. It is to be hoped that the opinion of the moderate elements of the Labour party will not be misled by the national campaign which it is proposed to launch against the Bill.

For some time it had been generally known that there was a breach between Chiang Kai-shek and the Hankow Extremists but it needed the threat of Chiang's loyal troops on Hankow and the drastic action he has taken against agitators in Shanghai to indicate the extent of the breach. This news taken in conjunction with the measures taken by Chiang Kai-shek in Peking and Hankow strengthen the impression that he is now determined to maintain order and stability in the North.

Chang before the evacuation of the Shanghai area by the Northern troops. Ever since the Nationalist Conference at Hankow in March when the Centralists and Rightists of the party made the mistake of staying away—afraid to trust themselves within the clutches of Borodin's Labour Unions—the Communists had controlled the whole of the party machinery and set up at Hankow a "Moscow-in-China" from which they disseminated propaganda and arms to stir up trouble in areas which they had marked out for further conquest. Their plans have been frustrated. If the more moderate elements of the Kuomintang were not already alive to the necessity of asserting themselves and expelling the Communists, there is evidence in plenty that recent disclosures have enlightened them to the suicidal madness of the course to which the plans of Moscow would consign China. The Nationalists at Hankow do not represent the Chinese people, or even a considerable portion of them. Chinese high and low who regarded the ascendancy of the Communists, and Labour Unions with an increasing fear and hatred will be heartened by the measures which have been taken against them by Chiang Kai-shek and herald these measures as the beginning of the end of an influence which has been entirely disruptive.

WINE AND POETRY.

HOW WU PEI-FU SPENDS HIS DAYS.

DOESN'T CARE WHO COMES.

Peking, March 14.
"I wouldn't care if Marshal Chang Tiao-li should come to Chengchow, neither would I flee should General Chiang Kai-shek arrive to gloat me," Marshal Wu Pei-fu is reported to have declared recently. The Marshal has lost his characteristic optimism and spends his days in sipping wine and writing poems.
In anticipation of the near approach of the Mukden forces to Chengchow from the east route some of Marshal Wu's faithful subordinates suggested that he should leave the fighting zone at once for Loyang. General Mi Chun-piao has also requested the marshal to go back to his native district in Shantung. As he is needed in Chengchow as a sort of figure-head, the pro-South generals are trying to prevent Marshal Wu from departing. Marshal Wu is at present dominated by the latter group.
Kai-feng correspondence states that General Wei I-san, General Tien Wei-chun and General Wang Wei-wei have sent a wire to Marshal Wu urging him to sever relations with Mukden and to start rehabilitating the Chihli forces. They suggested that Chihli should make an agreement with Marshal Feng Yu-hsiang and the nationalists for co-operation and non-interference. The Chihli generals can obtain their salvation through an alliance with General Yen Shih-shan of Shansi and General Chen Tiao-yuan of Anhui. By these arrangements they should be able to bring out a new situation, and his generals requested him to take the command as usual.
But Marshal Wu is said to pay very little attention to this scheme. On the other hand many of the Chihli leaders are reported to be in favour of this project and to have pledged themselves to the support of General Chin Yun-ao and General Wei I-san.

CHARLIE'S WIFE.

MRS. CHAPLIN TO RETURN TO SCREEN.

Los Angeles, March 16.
Lita Gray, Chaplin's wife, is reported to be returning to the screen to support her two babies. It is explained she has started to resume work because she is unable to meet household bills. She is said to have received only one hundred dollars weekly from Charlie Chaplin since they separated. Lita asserted she rejected \$2,500 a week and royalties for the appearance of herself and her babies in the pictures. The babies are not permitted to appear.

SACCO AND VANZETTI.

Buenos Aires, April 9.
The port workers have declared a 48-hour strike as a protest against the execution of Sacco and Vanzetti which now appears to be imminent. Sacco's American friends have been busy in the United States trying to secure a stay of execution.

LIVE TO 200.

DON'T SMOKE, DRINK, OR EAT MEAT.

FRENCH SURGEON'S RECIPE.

I had a long conversation with the man who claims to have found the secret of rejuvenating mankind, writes the Paris correspondent of the "Daily Mail." He is M. G. Knap, physician and surgeon, biologist, electrical expert, and sociologist, creator of five garden cities in France, and who, although he is 62 years of age, looks less than 50, and says he feels less than 35. If anyone disputes this claim M. Knap is fully prepared to put the gloves on with him and prove the point.

M. Knap I found in his flat surrounded by a collection of scientific apparatus. He declares that if human beings busied themselves after the age of 50 with renewing their dying cells, instead of committing suicide, they might reach the age of 200 years.

"The average man of to-day," said M. Knap, "reaches the age of 60, the stage when the cells composing his body lose their power, and from that moment onwards he begins to decline. Sometimes the decline starts as early as 45, or even 40, when it is provoked by constitutional accidents, and sometimes it starts a little later than 50 for the converse reasons."

"By experimenting upon myself as well as upon numerous friends, I have perfected a method, first, of preventing the decline of the human body beginning as early as 50 by means of a perfectly simple method which anyone can follow; and secondly, I have found the secret of rejuvenation by means of a catalysing agent which provokes the reproduction of new cells in the human body just as they take place in childhood and early youth."

No Meat: No Tobacco.
"The nature of my catalysing agent, which is the result of more than 80 years' research, I am not prepared to reveal at present, but I am willing to explain the nature of my method for arresting the decline which sets in about the age of 50."

"Nicotine is the deadliest poison and brings 75 per cent. of men to a premature grave. Alcohol also is distilled death because we abuse the use of it. The man of 50 should start at once to pass from the carnal to the vegetarian form of nutrition."

"At 50 then begin every meal with a dish of uncooked salad which contains the salts (or vitamins) as some people prefer to call them) indispensable for the reconstitution of the cells of the human body, and gradually cut down the carbonaceous foods which destroy the effects of the vitamins and poison the system."

"If only we would follow these rules in a rational manner there is no reason why in 200 years' time the average man should not live to be 200 years old."

A DOCTOR'S TIME.

PEOPLE'S UNREASONABLE CALLS.

QUESTION OF COMPULSION.

That there was no legal compulsion on a doctor to go to a patient simply because the patient wanted to see him was the statement made by Dr. Edwin Smith, the North-East London coroner, at an inquest at Hackney on George Oliver Basham, 75, of 25, Hagney-grove, who died before the doctor's arrival. The son of the dead man complained that the doctor did not come immediately after he had summoned him to his father, and that the doctor first called for the production of the panel card of his father.

A representative of the London Panel Committee said that the old man was not on the panel nor had he any record of him.

Dr. Aronson said that four years ago he treated the man as a patient on the strength of his statement that he was an insured person. As a matter of fact he was not a panel patient. Despite that, on the day the son asked him to attend he would have done so immediately, but at the time he was overwhelmed with work, and when the son came to him a few minutes later he was abusive. He did go to the house as soon as possible, and found the man had died.

The coroner said he was sure that a medical practitioner would not allow any technical point such as the non-production of a patient's card to stand in the way of his attending a case. The man was not on the panel, and the son, moreover, was far from polite to the doctor. He must inform the son that he should realise that he could not call upon a doctor and say, "This is my second visit. I was here five minutes ago and I want you at once." There was no legal compulsion on a doctor to go to a patient simply because the patient wanted to see him. "Apart from that," continued the coroner, "it is my own experience as the result of twenty-five years' work in medical practices that 95 per cent. of the people who run for a doctor always want him to get on as a matter of urgency, without regard to other circumstances such as innumerable calls on his time."

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JUDICIAL DILEMMA.

STRANGE CASE OF A POSTAL ORDER.

DIFFICULT FRENCH PROBLEM.

French justice is faced with a very difficult problem in the case of Marcel Lavallee, a postman, who was tried two months ago on a charge of having forged a money order for 41,000 francs. Lavallee was acquitted by the Douai Assize Court, but he now finds himself faced with a demand by the postal authority for the payment of the 41,000 francs.

The money order in question was cashed at Watrelos Post Office in the Nord Department. Soon after she had paid it to a person supposed to be named Delvoys, however, the clerk examined it more closely, and found that it was really an order for only 1,000 francs, sent originally to Toureling and readressed from there to Watrelos for the amount had been changed to 41,000 francs. It seemed that only a postal employee could have been able to make such a change, and inquiries led to the arrest of Lavallee, who was submitted to an examination rather like the "third degree." For him to undergo a searching cross-examination he protested his innocence, but at length, when so fatigued that a police officer described him as simply a wreck of a man he signed a document in which he admitted forgery of the money order, and promised to repay the sum so obtained.

On interrogation by the examining magistrate Lavallee was able to account for the whole of the money found during a search of his home, and declared that he had signed the promise of repayment produced as his confession simply because he had been reduced by his "third degree" to a state of self-consciousness, in which he was prepared to sign anything. The jury at Douai acquitted him after only ten minutes' deliberation, but the Postal Department persists in its claim that he should pay the 41,000 francs which they hold his written promise. He and his defenders contend that such a claim amounts to a rejection of the judgment rendered by the assize court, since the payment of the note in question might be deemed an admission of guilt by a man whom a competent tribunal has declared innocent. The case has been taken up by the Postal Servants' Union.

TERROR FOR CRIMINALS.

LATEST DISCOVERY ABOUT FINGER PRINTS.

A striking advance has just been made in the finger-print identification method. The system invented by Alphonse Bertillon has one important defect; it is rarely that burglars and safe-crackers leave a complete finger-print—it is generally a small fragment.

A jury in almost any country in the world to-day will accept a complete finger-print as sufficient evidence to convict a man, but they generally hesitate to record a conviction when the police have only a small corner of a print, as it has been believed that, while full prints are always different, a small portion of one man's print might be similar to a small portion of another man's print.

Fragmentary Finger Prints.
A great criminologist, Dr. Edmond Locard, has just solved the question of fragmentary finger-prints and carried the Bertillon system to a point of perfection its founder never dreamed of. He calls his new science "poroscopy." He magnified a finger-print many times its original size, and discovered that every print is as different from every other print as the map of the British Isles is different from the map of Mexico.

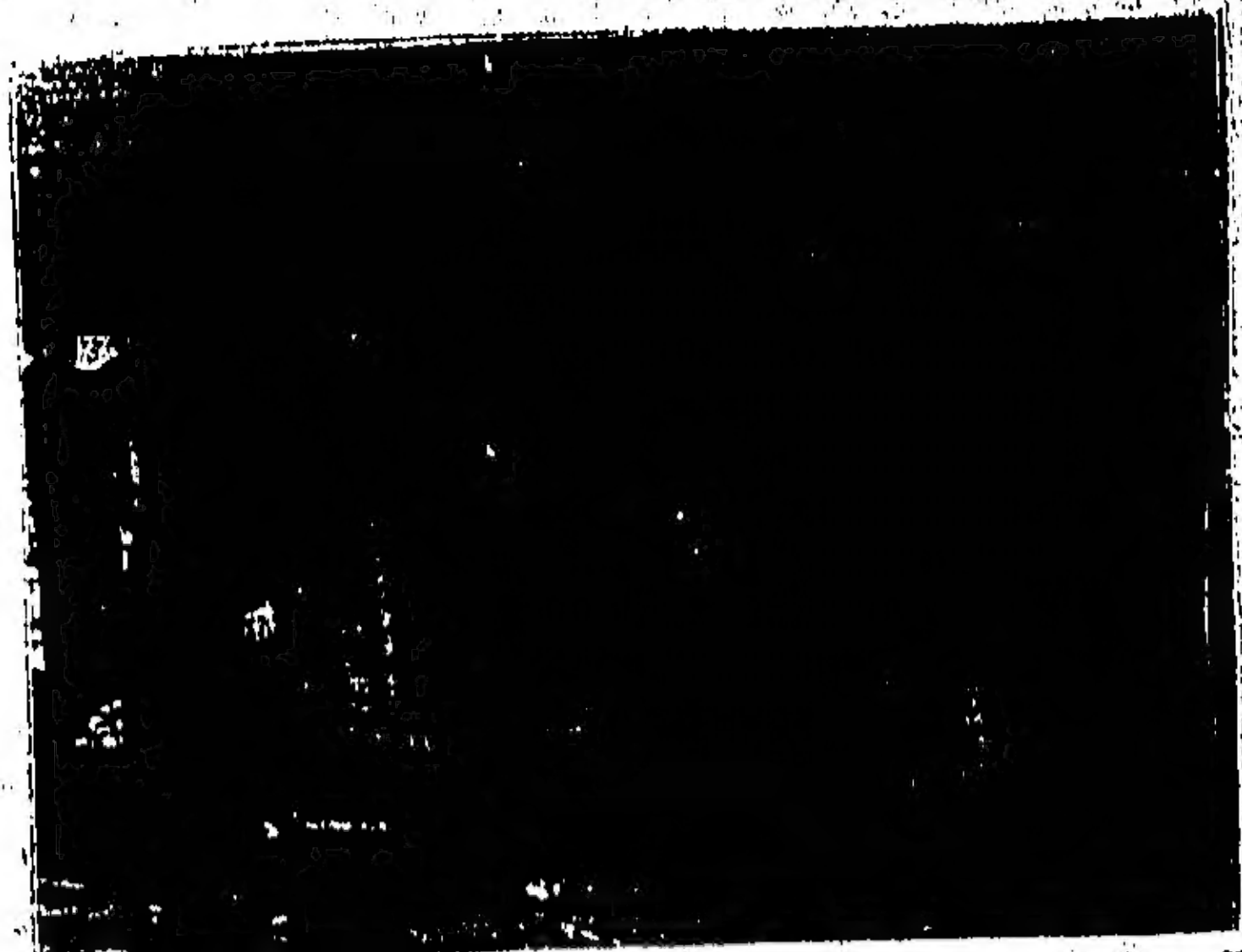
Distinguishing Pores.
Dr. Locard, who was greatly aided in his efforts by the researches of Mr. Herbert Wentworth, of Dover, discovered that there are more than 2,000 pores on the end of a man's finger, that every one of these pores has a different shape and a different position in relation to the other pores, and, finally, that these pores are neither changed by a man's growth, nor by burns, nor by any other accident to the finger. He has studied the same pores in the same fingers for more than 15 years to make certain that they kept the same shape.

New Bertillon Formula.
The new Bertillon formula is that not only every finger-print is different from every other print, but that even a one-hundredth part of it is different from a one-hundredth part of any other print. In going before a jury with a fragment of finger-print Dr. Locard makes a huge photograph of it, indicates 500 or 1,000 pores that are entirely different in shape and relationship to one another from pores on other prints, and also indicates the other special characteristics of the print.

You will never find a body of medical men unanimous about anything. Sir William Milligan, M.D.

Do not tell children that the dove has brought the new baby, that is a very old story.

SHANGHAI "WAR" PRECAUTIONS.



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Vigilance was maintained on the border of the French Concession at Shanghai the week before last when there were rumours of a possible attack from the direction of the Chinese city. Chinese refugees are shown applying for admission at the only barrier left open for traffic from the "old" city into the French Concession. A French soldier is searching a Chinese civilian and an Annamite soldier (on the left) is standing by.

HOUSE WHERE CHIANG KAI-SHEK STAYED.



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Making doubly sure! The French sentries carrying out a very careful search on Chinese fugitives from their own homes. Others are standing in the rear awaiting their turn to approach the French barrier. In the background (on the left) is the house where General Chiang Kai-shek (commander-in-chief of the Nationalist Armies) stayed when he first arrived at Shanghai (native city). The house was formerly used by Northern officials.

IN A HURRY TO SEEK SHELTER.

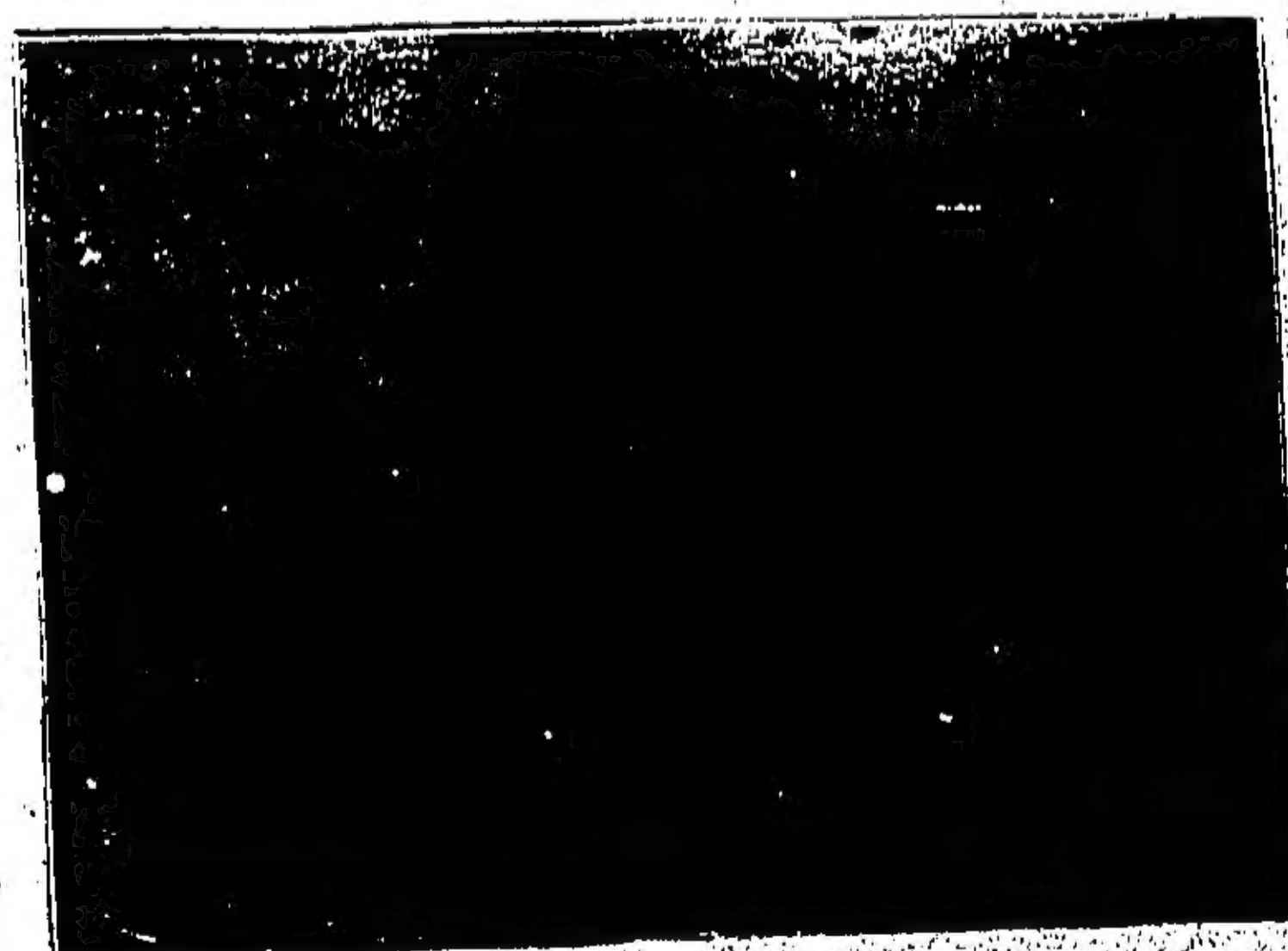


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Here is another snapshot of the scene at the only French barrier that was left open. The Chinese city in the background is the "old walled city" to the south of Shanghai, not directly adjoining the International Settlement, and not to be confused with Chapei (to the north of and adjoining the International Settlement) where the British refugees were engaged. It will be seen that none of the Chinese refugees carry baggage, they being in a hurry to get into the foreign concessions.

RESULT OF INCENDIARISM AT CHAPEL.



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Ruins of a block of houses set on fire just outside the Settlement, near Dixwell Road. The Municipal Fire Brigade went from Hongkew into Chapei where they fought the flames behind a screen of Japanese marines. While snipers potted away at them, the firemen saved several houses. The Chinese Brigade worked at another end to stop the blaze extending. Captain J. Gordon Dyson and Mr. Basil Hunting drove the Municipal fire engines themselves, with a volunteer Chinese "crew."

WOMAN BURGLAR.

GOWNS TRIED ON BEFORE REMOVAL.

Included among burglars who raided the premises of Madame Zoe, a costumier, in Harwood place, Hanover square, W. is a woman believed to have been a woman who tried on some gowns before they were removed. The value of the goods stolen is stated to be between \$500 and \$700. Madame Zoe told a reporter that the burglars took the best of the French models. Some of the gowns

had been tried on, as paper and pins had been taken from the sleeves and the fastenings had been undone. The goods stolen include 8 evening gowns, 15 day frocks, a number of fur-lined coats, and other miscellaneous goods. One of the burglars must have been very small, as apparently the gowns had been affected after passing through a small "lan-light" which the door had been opened.

To speak of the ultimate destination of the loot. Members of the Hong Kong and Shanghai Free Press and the Chinese Press

EVELESS EDEN.

A SETTLEMENT FOR 21 MEN ONLY.

A MISANTHROPIC COLONY.

"No women; no trouble!" Such is the slogan of Captain Christensen, leader of the Santa Maria Island settlement for men only.

In a few days' time the magnificent auxiliary schooner "Floresana" will steam for a dream island in the romantic Galapagos, carrying with her nine passengers, all men, bound for an Eveless Eden (says the "Sunday Chronicle").

When the glittering ship, with her strange company, fades from sight, the violet mists of the southern horizon will serve as a curtain for the first act of an astonishing real-life drama.

The nine men are sailing to join their twelve misanthropic comrades who have been busy building bungalows amid the tropic vegetation that mantles the tiny island of Santa Maria. In the Galapagos Group, off the coast of Ecuador, South America.

Here, where such giant tortoises as Louis de Rougemont describes, crawl lazily under burning equatorial skies, and where the craters of two hundred volcanoes now, and then spume forth burning ashes and smoke, the twenty-one adventurers will make their home. That home is to be without a woman.

Why upon this erstwhile base of the old-time buccaners? Why on this far-off island uninhabited these many years?

Captain August Christensen, leader of the expedition, answers:—"Because where there are women there is trouble. We are taking over Santa Maria to escape the eternal entanglements of a woman-ridden civilisation."

The personal experience of these Adams who will have no more of Eve, has been bitter. Three are divorced; the other eighteen are separated from their wives. They have tried the orthodox Eden and found it a place of strife; they are going to have a new one of their own.

Dead! Buccaners! Emancipated from feminine thraldom, they fondly picture a life of harmonious bliss, an existence without bills or bickerings. For their purpose, they could not have chosen a more perfect place.

Santa Maria, like the other isles of this burning archipelago, has a perfect climate, tropical, but cooled by the Peruvian current. The scenery is opulently magnificent with luxuriant vegetation.

The Ecuadorian Government has granted the land to the Eveless colonisers who are anticipating, not only tranquil domestic lives, but the plink up of vast fortunes from the cultivation of the amazingly prolific soil, and the whale fishing.

Centuries ago, this glowing isle echoed to the drunken shouts of buccaners who used it as their headquarters, and whose bones have grown white under the sun.

Ribbed Skeletons. Old barrels, more ribbed skeletons, leathern bottles, ancient firelocks and awe-inspiring sabres, alone remain to tell the tale of forgotten acts of high seas' piracy, bloodshed, and debauch.

In those days it was known as Charlie's Island, so named after a notorious cut-throat follower of the Black Flag. Later, for a short time, it became a penal settlement, then it returned to its eternal dreams.

Santa Maria abounds in wild game which will yield the Eveless Colony meat in plenty. On a clear day, a dim shadow on the horizon, Juan Fernandez Island, where Robinson Crusoe was marooned, is visible.

First Revolution. What will be the second chapter in this romantic adventure? It is foreshadowed by an incident that happened a few weeks ago.

One evening a member of the "Floresana's" crew went ashore. When he came back to the ship, he announced his intention of withdrawing from the enterprise. He had been regarded as one of the most bitter of woman haters.

Alas! his escape was prevented at the eleventh hour by the wiles of a woman. He found that Eve, after all, is not so bad, not so destitute of charms, that one need flee from her so far as the Equator.

In the days to come there may be a rebel who will take courage from the ghosts of the dead buccaners, and lift aloft the jolly flag of modern Eve and declare for the admission of women.

And when that day arrives, perhaps a few among the little company of misanthropes will slip over to his side and bring about the first revolution in the Eveless Paradise.

Time will show; meanwhile the graceful lines of the "Floresana" as she lies in the harbour of San Francisco are an object of deep interest to every bobbed-haired maiden.

WEATHER FORECAST. "N.W. winds moderate overcast, rain." Is the official weather forecast for all noon tomorrow for Hong Kong, the adjacent coast and Formosa Channel.

AN OXFORD RAG.

MUCH DAMAGE AT CHRIST CHURCH.

A "rag," which resulted in considerable damage being done to Christ Church College, occurred following the Bullington Club dinner. The University authorities tried to keep the matter secret, but it has now come to light that, after dinner at the Bullington Club, members returned to Christ Church armed with hockey sticks, copper kettles, pieces of coal, and other things which could be used as destructive weapons, and proceeded to bombard the windows and electric globes in Peckwater Quad, where most of the damage was done, Tom Quad, and Canterbury Quad. In a short space of time there was not one window in Peckwater Quad left intact. Glass was strewn about everywhere, and in many instances, the window frames were completely smashed and the wreckage allowed to remain. Some part of the wreckage was used to create further damage: Over 500 panes of glass were broken, yet there were no casualties unless it is that some are now suffering with colds or influenza through sleeping in too airy rooms. Before arriving at Christ Church the same undergraduates had broken panes of glass in a bus which was bringing them back to Christ Church. It will take at least a week for a dozen workmen to repair the damage.

CHEMICAL INDUSTRY.

British Confidence in the Future.

An interesting review of the chemical industry was given by Sir Max Muspratt at a luncheon of the Royal Colonial Institute, held at the Cannon Street Hotel, under the chairmanship of Lord Stanley of Alderley.

Sir Max Muspratt was giving an address on "The Chemical Industry and the Empire," and mentioned that this industry was a barometer of the prosperity of the country, for in a small or large way it entered into every other industry in the world.

In the early days of the war we were told that there was no chemical industry in Britain, but that was wrong, for we had always been the greatest exporters of chemicals in the history of the world. True, there were certain branches in which we were a little deficient, but it was interesting to recall that in chemicals, a field in which our late enemies thought they were surest, the balance turned in our favour.

The great need in the industry was still for research, and in this respect we had splendid resources in intellectual power. We had, too, the advantage of having the prime necessities in raw material, such as coal, salt, limestone, and, of course, tar. It was necessary that each one of these advantages should be pressed to the full, so that not a single chance of Imperial development should be lost.

In many ways electric power could replace coal. Canada had some of the finest water-power in the world, and Tasmania was well supplied in this respect. Processes by which it could be utilised were being worked out on a vast scale in Britain, and in due course, be available to the Empire as a whole.

For the industry the Empire afforded the most valuable market, the chemical exports to Australia, with her sparse population, being only 25 per cent. less than those to China.

Lord Stanley of Alderley said that the coming generation in the industry was not one whit behind the present generation, and it was because they believed that English brains were equal, if not superior, to German, French, or United States brains that they looked forward with confidence to the future of the chemical industry.

BRITISH INDUSTRIES FAIR.

Seven Chinese were amongst the 1,000 foreign buyers who visited the British Industries Fair at the White City in last week, and placed orders with British firms.

Besides, the London buyers of numerous big trading concerns in the Far East helped to swell the vast total of the business done.

War as a science is still in its infancy.—Rev. Dr. F. W. Noorwood.

Shadows Before.

COMING EVENTS, ANNOUNCED IN THE "MAIL."

April 9.—Queen's Theatre: "The Coast of Folly."

April 9.—World Theatre: "Hands Up!"

April 9.—Star Theatre: "The Story Without a Name."

April 9.—First performance of "Molly Kennedy" at the Naval Canteen Theatre.

April 9.—Theatre Royal: H.M.S. "Pinafore," 8.30 p.m.

April 10.—Concert by the Massed Bands of the 1st Bn. The Camerons and 1st Bn. The Middlesex Regt., Queen's Theatre, 8.20 p.m.

April 11.—The Hong Kong Dance Club's grand opening Carnival Dance at Lane Crawford's, at 9 p.m. Sports.

April 9.—Fauling Hunt Steeplechase, 3.15 p.m.

April 10.—Third annual athletic sports of Sacred Heart College on R.K.F.C. ground, Happy Valley, 11 a.m.

April 16.—Seventh tournament of the Hong Kong Boxing Assn. at Theatre Royal, 9.15 p.m.

April 16.—Second Extra Race Meeting of Hong Kong Jockey Club, Race Course, Happy Valley.

April 20.—Seventh bi-annual race for the "Trevesa" Trophy, commencing 4 p.m. Meetings.

April 9.—Annual meeting of the Chinese Club, in Club premises, 8 p.m.

April 14.—Twenty-seventh annual meeting of Kowloon Bowling Green Club, Club-house, 5.45 p.m.

April 21.—Second Meeting of China Light & Power Co., Ltd., 11.30 a.m.

April 23.—Telephone Co's second annual meeting, at Exchange Bldg., 11 a.m.

Lammermoor Auctions. April 9.—Miscellaneous goods, Sales Room, Duddell St., 11 a.m.

April 11.—Valuable household furniture at No. 3, Highburn Terrace, Hung Hom, 10.30 a.m.

April 14.—At No. 88A, Nathan Rd. Kowloon, valuable household furniture, 2.45 p.m.

Miscellaneous. April 9.—Lenten Mission in Catholic Cathedral, Glenelg, 6 p.m. Preacher: Rev. Fr. G. Byrne, S.J.

April 9.—Annual dinner of Queen's College Old Boys' Association, College Hall, 8 p.m.

April 10.—Opening of St. George Hotel, Kennedy Road.

April 28.—Mr. Harry Ore gives a Beethoven Centenary Recital at the Theatre Royal, 9.15 p.m.

April 27.—Vice-chairman and Committee of Victoria Diocesan Assn. "at home" to members and friends at Helena May Institute, 4.30 p.m.



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In spite of the influx of people into Shanghai, it is interesting to note that 73 houses and rooms, are advertised to let, and four houses for sale.

"Bobby's hair: It is the badge of freedom." This is the exhortation made by female agitators and speakers to the women in various towns and cities in Chekiang which have recently been included in the Cantonese sphere of conquest.

Four cases of notifiable disease, all Chinese in the city registration district, occurred in the Colony on Friday. Two of the cases are of small-pox and the other two of enteric fever (typhoid).

Two British mines, one still in working order, were washed ashore at Brooks Isle of Wight. They bore the date 1915. The live mine was removed by experts from the mining school at Portsmouth, and both are to be examined by the naval authorities.

In a company of about 700 at the St. David's Day banquet at the Connaught Rooms, Great Queen-street, W.C., there were 89 members of the Jones family, 70 people called Davies, and 69 named Evans. The Thomases came next, with 36, followed by 31 Williamses.

A scientific sensation is probable shortly when Dr. Pilgrim of the Geological Survey of India, publishes a paper telling of the discovery of the palaeo and lower jaw of a fossil ape at Bilaspur. Dr. Pilgrim considers the remains as probably the remote ancestor of man and belonging to a period of nearly 1,000,000 years ago, whereas the earliest hitherto obtained is not more than 250,000 years. He considers it possible that among the fossil apes of India will be found the actual human ancestor.

Representations have been made to the City of London urging that the famous London Stone be moved from its present position in the wall of St. Dunstons Church to the Guildhall or Charing Cross. The London Stone was once used to measure distances on the great military road leading from London. It was formerly on the south side of Cannon Street, but was moved to the present site in 1798. Before it was moved, weather and buffets of medieval carts had chipped and worn it from the original pillar to a small stone landmark. It is argued that the situation of the stone in its present position is not suitable for measuring distances and that placing it at Charing Cross or Westminster Bridge would again allow its practical use as a point from which distances could be measured.

The Hong Kong order proclaiming Vladivostok a place where an infectious disease prevailed has been rescinded. Bangkok has now been declared a place where an infectious disease prevails.

The sale of No. 9 Man Chung Fong Terrace, Happy Valley, and No. 15 Warren Street, Tai Hang, which was to have taken place in two lots at Messrs. Lamont Bros. auction rooms yesterday afternoon, was postponed.

The Shanghai Municipal Council desires to thank all residents for the loyal manner in which they have complied with the Council's regulation that they should remain within their houses between the hours of 10 p.m. and 4 a.m. The ready compliance rendered by residents has greatly facilitated the task of the Defence Forces in protecting the Settlement.

Army Padres will preach at Union Church (Kennedy Road) tomorrow when the collections will be on behalf of the Borderers' Association. The Rev. F. P. W. Alexander (Presbyterian Chaplain to the Forces) will be in the pulpit at the morning service and the Rev. G. Douglas Campbell (Chaplain to the 1st Cameronians) at the evening service.

According to a Hankow report, the Ministry of Justice in Hankow has decided not to recognise the lawyers' certificates issued by the Peking Government. This will have, if true, a serious effect, as it will affect practically every Chinese legal practitioner at Shanghai. It is known that there are not more than two lawyers holding certificates from the Nationalist Government in Shanghai.

That England is in danger of becoming a home for secret divorce as a result of enforced newspaper secrecy is stressed by the rapid increase in the number of cases. At the beginning of last year's session of the Divorce Court there were 452 cases. At the commencement of the present session the number was 438, and for the last two months 232 undefended cases have been notified. Commenting on the law preventing the publication of reports of divorce suits, Sir Ernest Wild, the Recorder of London, speaking at the Press Club, said: "I am sure that the absence of the Press from any trial tends to promote injustice, and I am certain that the Act prohibiting the publication of divorce proceedings tends to whitewash infidelity."

LOCAL WEATHER REPORTS.

The Royal Observatory W/T Station has been allotted the permanent call sign G.O.W.

SOCIAL AND PERSONAL NEWS.

Mrs. R. H. Kotewall (the wife of the Hon. Dr. R. H. Kotewall, C.M.G., LL.D.) is giving away the prizes at the annual sports of Sacred Heart College to-morrow.

The War Office announces the appointment of Colonel A. C. Girdwood to command the troops in Ceylon in succession to Major-General Higginson.

Notice is given in the "London Gazette" that Mr. David Ivor Davies, the actor-manager, of Aldwych, W.C., a natural born British subject, has by deed-poll changed his name to Ivor Novello, the name by which he is now generally known. His mother is Mrs. Clara Novello Davies, who is a leading teacher of singing.

The death is announced, at the age of 63, of Sister Marie-Flavie, one of the first French women missionaries to go to India. She was appointed Provincial Superior of Bangalore, and was head of a European school of 1,000 children, together with a native secondary school.

The vice-chairman and committee of the Victoria Diocesan Association will be "at home" to members and friends at the Helena May Institute on Wednesday, April 27. Tea will be served at 4.30 p.m. The Rev. W. W. Rogers will speak on the training of Ordination candidates for the Chinese Church in South China and the Rev. C. B. Shann will give a short address.

News has been received by cable of the death from pneumonia, at Brighton on March 23, of Major Catesby Burn Murdoch, late of West Country estate, Kiang, and formerly manager of the F.M.S. Rubber Co., who retired from Malaya about five years ago. He was the brother of the late Mr. A. M. Burn Murdoch, formerly Conservator of Forests, S.S. and F.M.S.

Hong Kong property to the value of \$39,100 was left by the late Mr. L. Fontaine, who died at Dijon, Department of Cote d'Or, France. Hong Kong estate to the value of \$10,700 was left by Mr. J. Plummer, late of Messrs. W. E. Stevens and Co., Manila, who died at Edinburgh. Letters of Administration in respect of the first will have been granted to Mr. G. G. N. Timson and a resulting of Testament Dative has been granted to Mr. W. E. L. Bennett in respect of the second.

A London message announces the death of Mr. Henry Frowde, previously publisher to the University of Oxford. He was 88 years of age.

The death took place in Kobe a fortnight ago of Mr. P. Hagen, of heart failure. Mr. Hagen, who was one of the oldest foreign residents in Kobe, was 58 years old and he went to Kobe in 1896, since which time he has been engaged in the stevedoring business.

Sir Miles Lampson, the British Minister to China, was elected President of the Peking Royal Society of St. George at the annual general meeting. For Vice-President the members chose Mr. G. E. Hubbard, and Mr. R. W. Paulden was elected Hon. Secretary and treasurer. The Committee election resulted in the listing of the following:—Lieut. Col. H. St. Clair Smallwood, Mr. W. P. W. Turner, Mr. H. G. Lowder, and the Rev. J. T. Holman.

Among visitors to Singapore is the Rev. Dr. Thomas Burns, chairman of the Board of the Scottish National Institution for Blind Sailors and Soldiers, which is the body responsible for the maintenance of Newington House, Edinburgh, a home for men who were deprived of their sight whilst fighting for their own country in the Great War. The original object of Dr. Burns' visit was to meet his younger son, who is on the Galang Rubber Estates, relative to a family bereavement.

Nobody can accuse Mr. Ivor Montagu, whose marriage to a typist has just been announced, of not being able to keep a secret, says a "Daily Mail" writer. When a friend of mine met him at dinner a week or two ago he talked of many things, including the furnishing of his chambers in the Temple. But there was no hint of a romance in his eye. He was in great spirits otherwise, however. He told the story of the precious white mice which he brought all the way from the Caucasus and of the vigil kept in the guard's van to see that none escaped on the journey back to Moscow. Two did, as a matter of fact, but they were recaptured after a stern chase. The tragedy was that the last of all the mice died in Petrograd before Mr. Montagu called for home. And as they are not to be found elsewhere, the loss to Cambridge zoology was considerable.

Four desperadoes, believed to be Communists, rushed into the police headquarters, Sofia, and carried off \$15,000 under cover of a bomb explosion which killed the chief of the political police.

Gen. Hsu Han-shen has been appointed by Gen. Chiang Kai-shek to the post of commander of the anti-smuggling forces in Shanghai. This position was formerly occupied by Gen. Ho Chia-lu, who was killed in battle at Changyen.

According to information from the Nationalist Military Headquarters, the 1st Battalion of the Nationalists was sent from Soochow to surround the four thousand leaderless soldiers of Gen. Pih Shu-cheng at Quinsan. These delivered their arms without any resistance.

A weekly air service between Teheran and Baku by way of the Persian port of Enzeli, on the Caspian Sea, will begin early this summer. It will be inaugurated by the German Junker aviation concern, whose concession has just been approved by the Soviet authorities. The journey is now undertaken by boat and caravan, and a great saving of time will be effected by the air route.

At a very busy London crossing the policeman on point duty was working valiantly with scarcely time to breathe, keeping the thoroughfare clear. Then a dear old lady approached him. "Pardon me, constable," she said, "but have you seen a pickpocket around here with a silk handkerchief marked 'Angelina'? Somebody's just stolen it from me!"

The St. Paul's Cathedral Preservation Committee announces that the architects and engineers have reported that they are well satisfied with the condition of the Cathedral, and that there is no foundation for the recent alarming rumours. The present process of cementation, adds the committee, is fulfilling its object.

Addressing the Canadian Club, Toronto, the Commonwealth Trade Commissioner (Sir Hugh Dennison) predicted that the next forty or fifty years would see the centre of the Empire's wealth and population shift from the North Sea to Canada and Australia. What happened to the United States in the last century would happen to Canada and Australia.

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SPORTS SECTION

YACHT CLUB.

HOW TO SEE THE COLONY'S SIGHTS.

WHAT IT WILL COST.

(By "Chau Kung.")

To-morrow the race for the "J and L" prize (for the Royal Hong Kong Yacht Club) will take place over a course of Tathong Rock (p), mark on line (s), Kowloon Rock (s), Channel Rocks (s), 18.75 miles, starting at 10.30 a.m. from the Club House.

It is suggested that a series of races for the racing yachts should be held in which the conditions would be that no member should sail his own boat and boats should be changed for each race. This would mean that the number of races would be one less than the number of entries. The first race would be sailed during the coming week, probably on Wednesday, starting at 2.15 p.m. from Murray Pier. Will those members who wish to take part send their names as soon as possible to the sailing secretary of the Yacht Club so that he may make arrangements?

Kipling said "What do they know of England, who only England know?" I would apply the same to Hong Kong and lend those who wish to know more of this quite delightful territory further afield and show them its beauties from points of vantage other than from a motor-car.

The roads of our territories take us to many beautiful spots, but Deep Water Bay is even prettier and even more serene, when viewed from the comfortable cockpit of a "good little ship" or the low chair on the deck of a Chinese rigged cruiser, than from the road which skirts its edge.

I wonder how many have appreciated the quietness and calm of evenings in the many anchorages of Port Shelter.

Hebe Haven is a perfect picture at eventide with the blue grey smoke rising from the various villages dotted round its shore. In the morning one slips quietly over the side for a "tub" what time the "boy" scours the land for "gait" (eggs) and hails, returning sampan for fish which, by the time one has dressed, is served in perhaps a rough and ready manner but none the less it becomes in such surroundings food for the gods.

Now I can see the questioning look appearing on the face of those who might explore the idea further. What will it all cost? Well, you can have a "good little ship" and can run her for no more than the cost and upkeep of a moderately powered car and I can assure you that it will be a very healthful recreation, bringing with it much peace of mind. It may well lead to the development of a hobby which is so well described by Robert Louis Stevenson who wrote "Will anyone dare to tell me that fishing is more entertaining than fooling among boats? He must have never seen a boat, or never seen an officer, who says so, and for certain the one is a great deal better for the health."

But I would warn you that once you commit yourself to the hobby of "small boats" it will be calling to you ever after.

LADIES' GOLF.

SIX-A-SIDE MATCH AT FANLING.

A match was played on the Royal Hong Kong Golf Club old course at Fanling when a team of six ladies representing the Army and Royal Navy was defeated by the ladies' section, the latter winning 5½ points to ½. The teams were as under—

"Civilian."

Mrs. Rowley ½
Mrs. Oliver 1
Mrs. Sommerfeld 1
Mrs. Pierce 1
Mrs. Whyte Smith 1
Mrs. Dodwell 1

"Army and Navy."

Mrs. Lambert ½
Miss Tyrwhitt 0
Mrs. Nichol 0
Mrs. Sankey 0
Mrs. Boylan Smith 0
Miss Jones 0

The competition for a cut-glass Bowl presented by Mrs. Matland was won by Mrs. Dodwell who defeated Mrs. Sankey in the final round.

Sacred Heart College hold their 3rd annual athletic sports on the H.K.F.C. ground, Happy Valley, to-morrow, commencing at 11 a.m. A 220 yards flat race and a tug-of-war (married v. single) are open to members of the Catholic Young Men's Society. Mrs. R. H. Kotewall will give away the prizes at the close.

WEIGHTS OUT.

EASTER (2ND) EXTRA RACE MEETING.

HANDICAPS FOR TWO DAYS.

Weights were issued yesterday for the Handicaps in the Hong Kong Jockey Club 2nd extra race meeting, during the Easter holidays, on Saturday (April 10) and Monday (April 11).

It should be noted that if a pony wins a race (at the meeting) before running in a handicap, 5 lbs. is added to the weight.

Details follow—

First Day.

Race 1, Bon Vista Handicap "B" class (6 furlongs)—King of Troy 170 lbs., Grande del Norte 168, Barley Grass 167, Spectro 163, The Sand Piper 162, The Grig 162, Loch Rannoch 162, Grey Streak 162, Golden Hall 161, Kom Tom 161, 160, Bright Eve 148, Saracen 138, King Alan 148, Kwan Tao 148, Salvo 145, Spotted Sand 145, Grey 143, Sugar Leaf 140.

Race 2, Bon Vista Handicap "A" class (6 furlongs)—Misty Eve 170 lbs., The Goblin 168, Ukelele 165, The Gomeril 158, Laceda II 158, Battle Eve 158, Macao Beauty 155, Grey Morn 153, Home Call 153, Espoir 152, Loong Wa 152, King of the Plains 150, Dick Lo 149, Valour 149, September 149, Grey Knight 148, San Diego 148, The Regent 148, Baccarat 147, Sunburst Rose 143.

Race 3, Kellett Handicap "B" class (1½ miles)—Grey Morn 167 lbs., King of Troy 167, The Gezer 163, San Diego 163, Grey Knight 163, Barley Grass 162, Skidoo 155, Loch Rannoch 152, Tangle 152, Loch Tummel 152, Saracen 148, Bagheer 147, Kwan Tao 145, Benderer 145, Spotted Sand 140.

Race 4, Kellett Handicap "A" class (1½ miles)—Misty Eve 170 lbs., Attaboy 166, Brigade Call 166, Ukelele 165, Total Abstinence 163, The Gomeril 158, Laceda II 158, Battle Eve 158, Flash Star 158, Easter Day 155, Papyrus 152, Espoir 150, Dragon Boat 150, King of the Plains 150, Baccarat 147, Sunburst Rose 142.

FANLING GOLF.

STARTING TIMES ON SUNDAY.

Starting times to-morrow at Fanling, Royal Hong Kong Golf Club, are—

9.28 a.m. E. Davidson, L. R. Andrews.
9.32 H. R. Sturt, C. H. Eldridge.
9.36 D. J. Gilmore, C. C. Stark.
9.40 V. M. Grayburn, E. D. C. Wolfe.
9.44 G. P. Lammert, E. P. Fletcher.

9.48 A. C. I. Bowker, W. K. Tait.
9.52 P. P. J. Wodehouse, C. A. Peel.
9.56 W. N. Bayers, H. C. B. Way.
10.00 J. H. Hearn, H. R. Clelland.
10.04 Comdr. Aubrey, F. D. Wood.
10.08 S. T. Butlin, N. K. Littlejohn.

10.12 A. R. Cox, G. Vickers.
10.16 N. L. Smith, E. D. Matthews.
10.20 Major Stevenson, Lt. F. G. le Gros.
10.24 J. H. D. Crawford, H. Spicer.
10.28 F. A. Perry, W. A. Butterfield.

10.32 H. Bloxham, T. D. E. Penner.
10.36 A. Leach, D. Forbes.
10.40 J. Fleming, C. G. Perdue.
10.44 K. S. Morrison, J. K. Shaw.
10.48 T. L. Christie, A. D. Humphreys.

10.52 I. H. Geare, H. G. Sheldon.
10.56 A. O. Brown, F. Taylor.
11.00 T. Low, A. W. Hodges.

1928 OLYMPIC GAMES.

New York, April 8. The American Olympic Games Committee announces that the United States will send a team of between 300 and 350 athletes to the Olympic Games at Amsterdam in July, 1928.

A liner will be chartered to use as a hotel while the games are in progress. It is planned to raise a fund of \$50,000 to \$70,000 to cover the expenses—Reuters' American Service.

HOME TURF.

FLAT RACING PROSPECTS FOR 1927.

TRAINERS & JOCKEYS.

London, March 24. "They're off again." Flat-racing officially commenced today. Trainers and jockeys have returned from holiday-making in Switzerland or the Riviera. Many owners and breeders talk of indications foreshadowing a successful season, while the public—racing to-day is a sport of the people—fervently hope the favourites gallop better than they did in the "black" season of 1926. Races for two-year-olds have attracted enormous entries, a re-

\$200 GOLF CUP.

Abe Mitchell Wins Season's 1st Big Prize.

London, April 8. Abe Mitchell won the first big golf tournament of the season, the Beaumont 2200 invitation competition, beating E. Whitcombe of Burnmouth by 3 and 1 in the final, and making the Cup his absolute property by winning twice in succession—Reuters.

minor of the immense number of horses in training at the present time. It is clearly going to be difficult to win with two-year-olds early in the season.

Most owners, trainers and jockeys have made their arrangements for the season. F. Butters now trains for Lord Derby, and Weston, who headed the list of successful jockeys last year, is again the stable jockey.

Lord Astor has retained H. Jellis and his trainer, A. Taylor, has also secured first claim on R. Jones and J. Brennan.

The King's Stable.

The "veteran" jockey Fox, who distinguished himself last season, is still going strong with retainers from trainers Scobie, Cooch, and R. Dawson.

Another of the old school, Joe Childs, continues association with F. Darling's powerful stable. G. Archibald (the American who has since died) was to have been with F. Gilpin, and the ever-popular Steve Donoghue rides for Capt. Whitaker's stable.

The Royal stable has been strengthened a good deal. Several old mares at Sandringham have been weeded out or superannuated, and fresh blood has been introduced in a quiet way. His Majesty's stable experienced a lean time last season, but many of the big owners who breed on a far vaster scale have had the same experience of going through a season after season without winning many races.

G \$25,000 SWIM.

RACE ROUND CATALINA ISLAND.

"CHANNEL" MAN'S HOPE.

Henry Sullivan, the second man to swim the Catalina Channel and one of those to swim the English Channel) announced that he had been backed to the extent of \$25,000 by W. W. Compton of Long Beach for a round-Catalina Island-swim to take place between June 15 and July 15.

Sullivan, who is not a speed swimmer, but an endurance "fiddler" stated that the fifty-mile race around the island would be won by the swimmer with the greatest endurance, and that he believed the swim could be successfully completed. The water at that time of the year is several degrees warmer than during the winter months, which would aid the swimmers considerably.

Endurance, Not Speed.

William Wrigley, Jr., was interviewed at Wilmington by Sullivan and his friends and the chewing-gum king sent a cable to George Young, asking him if he wished to race Sullivan.

According to Sullivan the man swimming the greater distance will receive the money, even if he does not complete the race. In case of each swimmer swimming the same distance, the man or woman making the best time will be awarded the prize. The swim is, however, to be a test of endurance rather than speed.

LOCAL BOXING.

WELTER "BELT" CONTEST AGAIN.

NEW "STARS" ON APRIL 16.

As hinted some time ago after a report (in these columns) of an "exhibition spar" by Able Seaman Bennett of H.M.S. "Witherington," he is to meet Stoker Norman Morris of H.M.S. "Hermes" in a championship bout here.

The 7th tournament of the Hong Kong Boxing Association is to be held at the Theatre Royal next Saturday, April 16. Morris and Bennett are matched over 15 rounds for the welter-weight championship of the Colony (and belt). Morris is well known in the Colony as a fine boxer and hard hitter.

Splendid Reputation. Bennett comes with a splendid reputation. As outlined at the time, his career is crammed with good fights, perhaps the best being that in which he lost on points to Sonny Bird of Chelsea after 15 rounds. There is confidence in his camp that he will give Morris his hardest "go" here, whether Bennett wins or loses.

The other "Hermes" stalwart, Able Seaman Ewin, also meets a new "star." Ewin has won one welterweight belt outright. He returned the second to the H.K.B.A. when he could not make the weight. Then he lost the middleweight title to Morris, his shipmate.

Beat Morris Before. Ewin now meets Stoker Evans (welter and middle champion of India), of H.M.S. "Enterprise." Evans had a victory over Morris some years ago and his clash with Ewin will be eagerly looked forward to. They meet over 10 rounds at the middleweight limit.

There are two more 10 round contests. Leading Seaman Hall boxes 10 rounds with Leading Seaman Baker at the lightweight limit. They have met before and their showing on the previous occasion had in any way not come up to standards, they would not be matched again.

Two K.O.S.E. Men. The other 10 round bout (featherweight) is between Stoker Gould (H.M.S. "Hermes") and Able Seaman Hindle (H.M.S. "Delhi"). Both are practically up to championship class.

The two 6-round preliminaries are—lightweight, Private Hume (2nd/King's Own Scottish Borderers) v. Able Seaman Newstead (H.M.S. "Hermes"); and Lee/Cpl. Finlayson (2nd/King's Own Scottish Borderers) v. Marine Watts (H.M.S. "Hermes"), middleweights.

*Days for booking are in an advertisement on page 3.

UNEXPECTED TREASURES.

PAINTER'S MASTERPIECE USED AS CHILDREN'S TOY.

Among the art treasures at the exhibition of Flemish masters at Burlington House, opened recently are at least two whose value was long long unsuspected.

For years "The Painter and His Wife" (The Master of Frankfurt, 1490) was used as a toy. It was dragged around an Epsom garden by children who used it as a go-cart. Then it was given to the cook of the house as a present. Now it is a treasured masterpiece.

Another priceless painting of the Flemish School of about 1400, "Scenes from the Life of the Virgin," was, until hardly three months ago, used as a panel on the bottom of a drawer in an old kitchen sideboard.

While the mistress of the house was cleaning out the drawer she noticed the gleam of paint. She scrubbed the panel clean, took it to an art expert and was surprised to discover that it was a masterpiece. Unfortunately the scars made by the opening and shutting of the sideboard drawers are noticeable on the painting.

MARRIAGE BANISHED.

A LADY'S IMPRESSION OF RUSSIA.

In Russia they had done away with all religions, with marriage, and with every kind of worship, said Lady Edward Spencer-Churchill, who, when opening a bazaar in aid of the Church schools at Slough, mentioned that she had just come back from Warsaw.

She would like, if only she had time, (she said) to tell them of the stories that she heard of the misery, want, disease, and degradation of the unfortunate people there. A great many of their beautiful churches were turned into cinemas and garages. She thought they would agree with her that religion and the home were two of the most splendid pillars of England's greatness.



Sir William Orpen, famous English portrait painter and President of the International Society of Sculptors, Painters and Engravers, recently stated his aversion to bobbed hair and declared that his "soul revolts when he has to paint a crop." He predicted that bobbed hair would not last long, and that it "will never inspire a type in art comparable to the ancient Greek type."

ECHO OF OLD WARS.

ENGLAND'S DEBT TO VERDUN.

There is an echo of the Napoleonic wars in the claim, published in several newspapers, to the effect that England owes Verdun a large sum of money which was lent to Englishmen who were interned in that town for eleven years from 1803 to 1814. In 1923 the then Mayor of Verdun, Messire Desgrosdieu, put the amount of England's indebtedness at 3,534,874f. and an ingenious calculator, reckoning compound interest on this sum, has now increased Verdun's credit to a milliard and a half of paper francs.

According to the published story of how it comes about that Verdun is a creditor of England, it was Bonaparte, as First Consul, who, on May 22, 1803, decided that all the English people then in France should be interned. There were more than 1,000, and 700 of them were sent to Verdun.

In 1814 Napoleon gave the order for them to be sent to Blois. From there they were taken to Gueret, in the Creuse, where they learned of the entry of the Allies into Paris, the abdication of Napoleon, and the return of Louis XVIII. The people of Verdun, it is stated, clamoured for the payment of the debts contracted, demanding the intervention of the Duc de Richelieu, the Foreign Minister of Louis XVIII. In 1831 Tallierand, French Ambassador in London, presented Verdun's bill, and in 1836 and 1839 French deputations went to England for the purpose of obtaining payment, supported by the Government of Louis Philippe. They returned empty-handed.

When, after the War, English cities and towns anxious to help France adopted those French towns which had suffered from the ravages of war, the City of London came forward and rendered munificent help to Verdun. This fact is not forgotten to-day. The City of London is thanked for its efficacious assistance, but it is pointed out that these "generous gifts" cannot be regarded as compensation for the debts contracted during the Napoleonic wars.

SPEAKER'S COACH.

200-YEARS-OLD VEHICLE RARELY USED.

The magnificent state coach of the Speaker of the House of Commons has just undergone a periodical "spring-cleaning."

This coach, which is said to date from 1700, weighs two and three-quarter tons, and is only used on the most auspicious occasions. It has remained in its coachhouse off the Chancellor's Court, Westminster, since it was last used, at the Coronation of King George 16 years ago.

Said to have been designed by a Dutch artist, and to have been given to the Speaker by Queen Anne, it is upholstered in plush and decorated with gold. Upon the panels are beautiful pictures as well as the crests of the Speakers who have used it on State occasions.

Despite its being used so rarely, the coach is kept in perfect trim. When in the coachhouse it is swept and every month it is taken out and carefully cleaned. Kipling also in the coachhouse is the state harness for the horses.

No seat in a theatre is worth more than 10s. 6d. in my view, and no actor or actress is worth more than £100 a week—Mr. Gerald R. Grace.

LOCAL SHARE MARKET.

OFFICIAL QUOTATIONS.

HONGKONG, APRIL 9, 1927, 10.30 A.M.

Names.	Hong Kong Stock Exchange.	Hong Kong Sharebrokers' Association.	Share & Real Estate Brokers' Society.
T.T. on London	2/04	2/04	2/04
T.T. on Shanghai	1/94	1/94	nom
Banks.			
Hongkong Bank	1050	1050	1020
do. London	1107	—	1107
Chartered Bank	121	121	—
Mercantile Bank, A. & B. do. C.	131	131	—
P. & O. Bank	143 1/2	143 1/2	—
Bank of East Asia	110	110	71
Marine Insurance.			
Canton Insurance	\$662 1/2	\$60	\$560
China Underwriters	80 cts	75 cts	80 cts
North China Insurance	114 1/2	140	—
Union Insurance	280	280	283
Yangtze Insurance	\$38 M.	40	—
Fire Insurance.			
China Fire Insurance	205	205	—
H.K. Fire Insurance	600	195	600
Shipping.			
Douglases	31	31	31
Hongkong Steamboats	1 1/2	20 b & sa	19 1/2
H.K. Tugs & Lighters	1.10	234	14
Indo-China (Pref.)	30	30	30
do. (Def.)	40	40	40
Shell Transports	95	28	94
Star Ferries	53	49 b 50	50
Water-boats	15	14	14
Refineries.			
China Sugars	20	16 1/2	16
Malabon Sugars	31	30	31
Mining.			
Benguet	1.60	—	—
Kailan Mining Ad.	38	42 1/2	40
Langkats (Combined)	121	22	214
do. (Single)	12 1/2	12	—
Shanghai Exploration	74	4	—
Shanghai Loan	7	6	—
Raube	4	3.40	3 1/2
Tromoh Mines	21	—	—
Ural Caspian	8	21 1/2	—
Docks, Wharves, Godowns, &c.			
H.K. & K. Wharves	100	95	94
H.K. & W. Docks	40	33 b 33 s	35
Hongkows	150	—	150
New Engineerings	7 1/2	5 1/2	4.80
Shanghai Docks	1101	100	101
Lands, Hotels & Bldgs.			
H.K. & S. Hotels	6.00	6 1/2 b 6 1/2 s	6 1/2
Hongkong Lands	52	50 b 51 s	50
Hongkong Realty	6	6	6
H.K. Territorial	24	1	2
Humphreys Estates	12 1/2	12 1/2	12 1/2
Prince's Building	89	87	—
Rural Lands	1 1/2	—	—
Cotton Mills.			
Ewo Cottons	7.85	7 b 7 1/2 s	7 1/2
Oriental	7 1/2	2	2 1/2
Shanghai Cottons (old)	7 1/2	52 b 54 s	54
do. (new)	7 1/2	27	28
Miscellaneous.			
Canton Ices	5	4	5
Cements (comb.)	7	7	6 1/2
do. (old)	6	6	5 1/2
do. (new)	1 1/2	1	1 1/2
China Buses	9 1/2	11 1/2	11
China Lights (comb.)	10	8 3/4	8
do. (old)	10	5 1/2	6
do. (new)	5.10	5 1/2	5 1/2
China Prov.	3.00	4	4
Dairy Farms	15	14 1/2	15
Der A. Wing	6	5	17
Hongkong Amusements	17.50	17 1/2	240
H.K. Constructions	230	230	45
Hongkong Electric	49	45	47
H.K. Ropes (old)	10	6	2
do. (new)	5	1	10
Hongkong Tramways	20 1/2	20	7
Lane, Crawfords	7	6 3/4	—
Macao Electric	35	—	—
Mackintosh	10 1/2	—	—
Nanyang Tobacco	—	9.60	15
Peak Trams (old)	15 1/2	15	15
do. (new)	8 1/2	8	8
Sinceres	8 1/2	9.10	9
Singapore Trams	11 1/2	10	10
Taxis	1	70 cts.	65 Cts
United Asbestos	—	—	—
do. (Founders)	—	600	—
do. (Ordinary)	20	18	11
Watsons	12	10	5
Wm. Powells	6 1/2	5	5
H.K. Telephones	3.85	3.80	3.90

EXCHANGE.

Hongkong, 9th April 1927.

On London	2 1/2
Bank Wire	2 1/2
On demand	5 1/2
30 days sight	5 1/2
4 months sight	5 1/2
Credit 4 months sight	5 1/2
Documentary, 4 months sight	5

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MOTORING SECTION

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For some time there have been occasional references in the motoring Press to the inventions of Mr. Constantinesco, who is well known in British automotive circles, and it would appear from an advertisement appearing in a current number of a British motoring periodical that he has succeeded in getting some of his ideas into such a shape that they are considered commercially practicable.

The advertisement blazons forth the advantage of the Constantinesco car, which is claimed, to operate without gears or clutch. A two-three seater torpedo body model is advertised at £215 complete, and the descriptive matter is as follows:—

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The car free-wheels automatically, giving considerable economy in petrol consumption. It cannot run backward while in forward gear or on an upward gradient."

There are many motorists who would hail with delight a car in which gear-changing was unnecessary, and the advent of the car overseas will be awaited with interest.

CLEANSING OF WORKS AND GARAGES.

Some idea of the extent of the premises occupied by the fleets of the London General Omnibus Company can be obtained from the fact that this Company has recently placed a repeat order with the Lacre Motor Car Company for no fewer than 18 of the smaller type of Lacre sweeper. This very considerable fleet is to be used for the cleansing of the L.C.C. garages in and around London. The smaller Lacre sweeper may be described as a miniature edition of the Lacre road sweeping machine that is employed by an enormous number of municipalities throughout the world. There are undoubtedly many works and substantial garages, the cleansing of which would be cheapened and facilitated by the employment of the smaller Lacre sweeper.

BROOKLANDS RACING TRACK IN 1927.

Brooklands Motor Racing Track at Weybridge, England, will be slightly changed when the opening meeting—which, by the way, is before Easter this year—takes place. There will be a single span bridge across the finishing straight on the spot occupied by the temporary bridge used for the Grand Prix and 200 Miles Race, thus allowing communication between the paddock and the general enclosures while racing is in progress. "The Automobile"

MORE EFFORTS TO SECURE SILENT MOTOR CYCLES.

According to "The Motor Cycle," the "Auto Cycle" Union—governing body of the motor cycle movement in Britain—held a silencer test last month.

The useful life of motor vehicles in the United States has been gradually increasing. It is now about eight years.

A novel type of road has been laid recently under the supervision of the borough engineer at Middlesbrough. A continuous metal carpet consisting of steel and iron plates, constructed in the form of grids, with bars and voids, was laid on a concrete foundation while the latter was still unset. Concrete was then worked into the voids on the surface of the plates, binding the foundation and the metal carpet as a firm part of the roadway. A non-skid surface was thus provided. In a recent test of the concrete slabs formed in this way heavy blows with a steel hammer failed to separate the grids from the concrete and the severest heat tests were equally well resisted.

AMERICAN COMBINATION.

Large Amalgamation Rumoured.

According to a cable published in the Melbourne "Herald," there is a possibility of a merger between several large American automotive firms. It seems to be the general trend of the industry for the large firms to form alliances of the nature, and, if it be true that the Dodge, Packard, Nash and Mack truck companies are to be combined, there may be changes in policy of far-reaching effect. The cable is as follows:—

"New York, Feb. 6.—Rumours are current of a huge motor merger involving Dodge, Nash, Packard, and Mack truck companies. If the merger materialises, the new corporation will be one of the greatest in the world, rivaling Ford and General Motors companies. A wealthy banking group is said to be behind the move."

Dodge Bros. (Inc.) has as president one of the most prominent leaders of American automobile thought, Mr. Frederick H. Haynes. It is governed by a board of 14 directors, including Horace E. Dodge, the only representative of the Dodge family. Its assets in 1925 were \$30,000,000, and the 1924 sales were 222,236 chassis, with a big increase on that total in 1926. The Dodge car is probably amongst the first half dozen most popular cars in the world.

Mack Trucks Inc., New York, is the holding company for the International Motor Car Co., the Mack Bros. Motor Car Co., the International Plainfield Motor Co., the Mack Motor Truck Co., the Mack International Truck Co., and Mack Trucks, Ltd. (Canada). The Mack Trucks is one of America's oldest commercial motor products, and the other vehicles marketed by the corporation have big sales. The joint stock holdings of the corporation on December 31, 1924, were \$2,000,000, 7 per cent. cumulative, \$1,070,000 second preferred stock, and \$1,120,000 in common stock. The controlled factories cover 1,700,000 square feet.

Nash Motors Co., Incorporated, Wisconsin, has a joint stock capital of more than \$3,500,000, and incorporates Ajax Motors (280,000), the Seaman Body Co., Kenosha Hines Co., Lafayette Motors Co., Martin Nash Motors Co., Nash Cincinnati Motors Co., Nash Uriesera Auto Co., the South-West Nash Co., and the North-West Nash Motors Co. Its factories cover 33 acres, and the employees in 1924 totalled 5,580. Its production of Nash cars in 1924 totalled 52,930, but big increases were made in 1925-26.

Packard is one of America's car aristocrats, and is manufactured at Detroit by the Packard Motor Car Co., which incorporates the Packard Weiss and the Ohio automobile companies. Its joint stock totals \$7,000,000, and its 1923 production was 21,571 vehicles. The 1926 production more than doubled that total. The company embraces concession companies in London, and Coblentz (Germany).

THE BACK-SEAT DRIVER.

When Aunt Amelia visits us, we take her in the car; But when she is a passenger, Dad won't go very far. The back seat always she selects; but then—my snakes alive! She always starts to tell my dad exactly how to drive!

"You mustn't try to pass that truck or there will be a smash! You're going thirty miles an hour! Now don't you think that's rash?"

A car is coming round the curve! Look out, or you'll collide! You're towards the middle of the road; keep over at the side!

We're coming to a cross-street now and you had best go slow. See there's a guide-post over there to tell us how to go! Dear me! the road is very steep—it's not the way to take. Oh, I'm as nervous as can be! I hope you'll use your brake!"

When Aunt Amelia visits us, we take her in the car; But as I said a while ago we don't go very far.

To tell Dad how to run the car she always seems to strive. But this is just the queerest part—she never learned to drive!

U.S. PRODUCTION.

Smaller Than Last Year.

Advices received from New York state that the automobile industry is withholding judgment on 1927 until sales during the next few weeks are observed. The London correspondent of the "Times of Ceylon," meanwhile first quarter production schedules are upon a fairly liberal basis, though smaller than last year. Dealers' stocking, except where new models are being introduced, is described as very modest as the check in production late in the year saved a situation that was beginning to look dangerous. Fear that farm sales may be relatively poor is expressed. The record of 1926 is gradually being completed. The American Department of Commerce reports the year's production in the United States at 3,755,048 passenger cars and 494,377 trucks, compared with 3,696,490 and 479,396 in 1925. The December figure of 137,361 passenger cars was the smallest of any month in five years. The B.F. Goodrich Company reports the year's registration at 22,273,643, an increase of 2,044,613, as compared with production this would point to a replacement demand of approximately 2,500,000. Results for individual companies for the year are interesting. The figures are compiled by Dow-Jones of New York:—

	1925.	1926.
General Motors	1,225,000	835,902
Dodge	330,000	255,000
Hudson	230,000	264,000
Willys-Overland	185,000	220,000
Chrysler	175,000	136,000
Nash	137,000	98,000
Studebaker	111,000	137,000
Packard	35,000	80,000
	1925.	1926.
General Motors	183,674,000	116,016,000
Dodge	25,000,000	25,358,000
Hudson	5,884,000	21,379,000
Willys-Overland	9,875,000	12,109,000
Chrysler	17,440,000	17,410,000
Nash	29,346,000	16,256,000
Studebaker	12,804,000	16,820,000
Packard	14,890,000	15,149,000

A NEW POEM.

I have received from the driver of a Dennis omnibus the immortal verse that I here present free to my readers. It is a perfectly bona fide effort, which, perhaps accounts for the enthusiasm and at the same time, perhaps, for the comparisons which we all know are odious, and need not be taken too seriously.

The Dennis is a lovely 'Bus. It never seems to make a fuss, For acceleration you cannot beat.

It's like a greyhound on the leap. For all-round wear I do not care. You cannot beat it anywhere. The London 'Bus you want to see.

It's away from the point before you count, three. For speed it leaves all others flat.

It ought to go on Brooklands track. The miles it does you'd be surprised. It opens other people's eyes. There's only one fault with this 'Bus, I see.

There isn't one belongs to me. But I think after all I've said and done. The Dennis People ought to give me one.

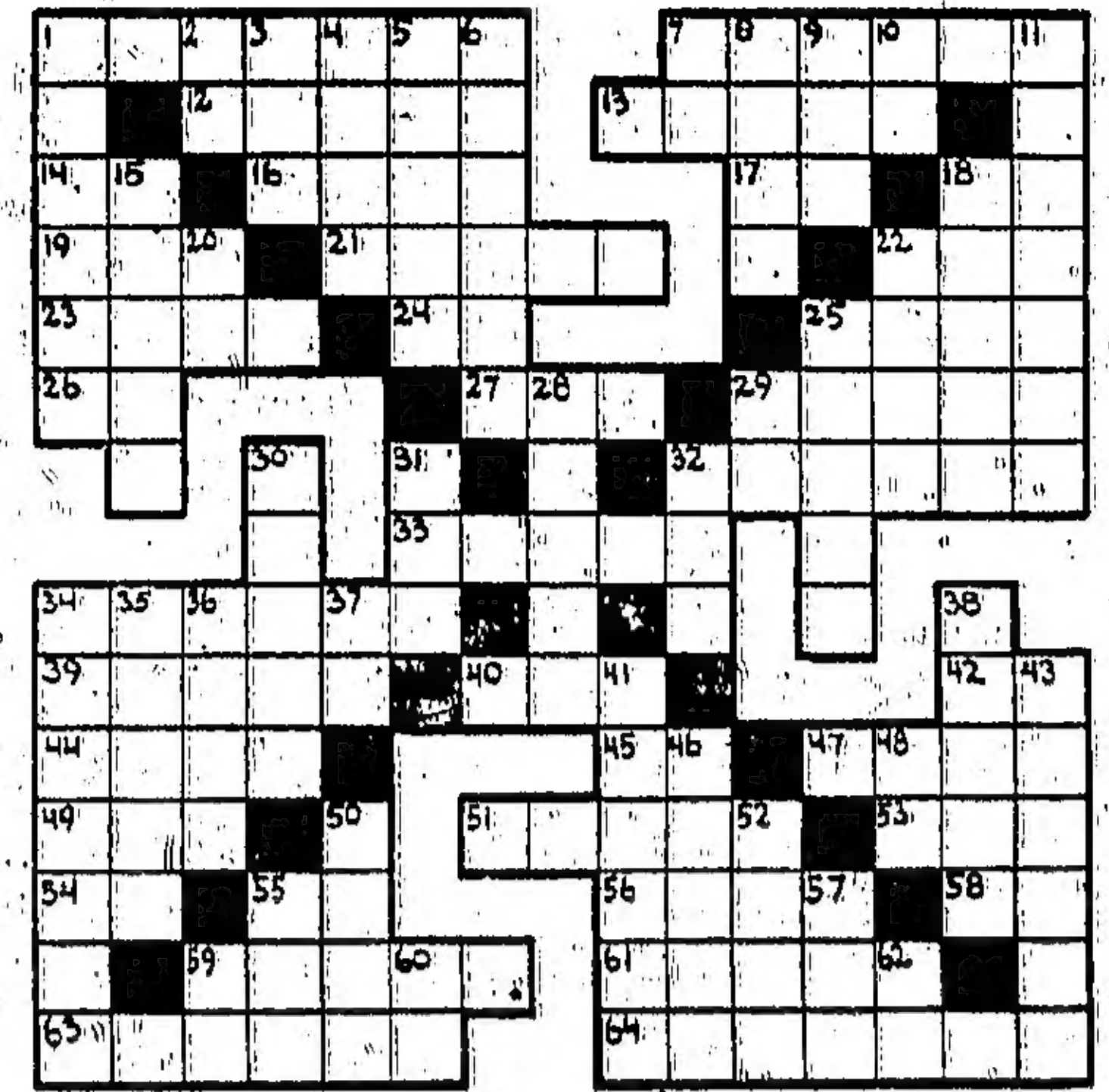
For the metre, punctuation and the capitals, as for the poem itself, I am indebted to my correspondent. As to the matter, I have only one or two minor criticisms to offer. The phrase "like a greyhound on the leap" strikes me as conveying a doubtful compliment to the clutch. The remarks on the "London 'bus" are certainly not, as the 'bus itself is stated to be, "away from the point," with the possible exception of the statement that its speed capabilities are such that "it leaves all others flat." I can only hope, in this respect, not to be included amongst "the others." I should prefer to be classified as an "also ran."—From "Torque," by The Torque Tube ("Motor Transport.")

MORE SILENT MOTOR CYCLES.

"The Motor Cycle," in conjunction with the Triumph Cycle Co., Coventry, is offering prizes of £100, £50 and £25 for a silencer which will tender a Triumph motor cycle as quiet as a car. The competition remains open until mid-April.

DAILY CROSS-WORD PUZZLE.

(This cross-word puzzle has been made by an expert but our readers are warned to look out for occasional phonetic spellings, such as harbor, plow, and altho.)



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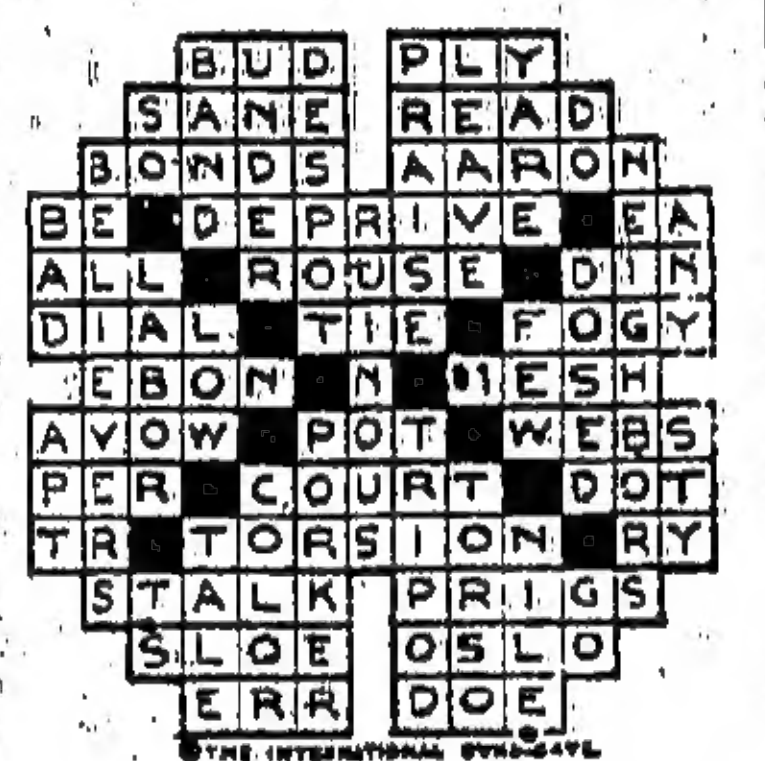
HORIZONTAL	HORIZONTAL (Cont.)	VERTICAL (Cont.)
1-A particle	40-Evening (poet.)	20-Toward
7-To scowl	51-Imprisoned	22-Wan
12-A song of joy	52-Imprisoned	23-A number
13-To seek the favor of	54-Point of compass	28-Sea
14-A country of Europe (abbr.)	55-Point of compass	29-One of the churches
16-Counterfeit	56-Point of compass	30-Concentrate
17-Right (abbr.)	57-Point of compass	31-Also
18-Exist	58-Again	32-Look at
19-Received	59-A famous fairy tale writer	34-Name of 18 Egyptian Kings
21-Not inclined	60-Transcend	35-Overhead
22-Young seal	61-An East Indian herb	36-Part of the face
23-A nose	62-Risks	37-Distance above a base (abbr.)
24-The (French)	63-Part of the face	38-Part of the face
25-A Norse myth	64-Risks	39-Part of the face
26-Point of compass	65-Part of the face	40-Part of the face
27-At once	66-Part of the face	41-Part of the face
28-A Scripture proper name	67-Part of the face	42-Part of the face
29-Unsparing; harsh	68-Part of the face	43-Part of the face
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(The solution of the above cross-word puzzle will appear in Monday's issue along with a new cross-word puzzle.)

DIESEL-TYPE ENGINES IN COMMERCIAL VEHICLES.

Will commercial vehicles of the future be propelled by Diesel-type engines? Lengthy experiments have been made by German motor manufacturers with Diesel engines of various designs and sizes in business vehicles chassis, and French, Italian and American firms are doing likewise. In Britain a few makers are investigating the subject, and it will not be surprising to see a British-built Diesel-engined vehicle in the near future. Among the outstanding advantages of the Diesel-type engine, says "Motor Transport," are its fuel economy and the fact that no electric ignition is required.

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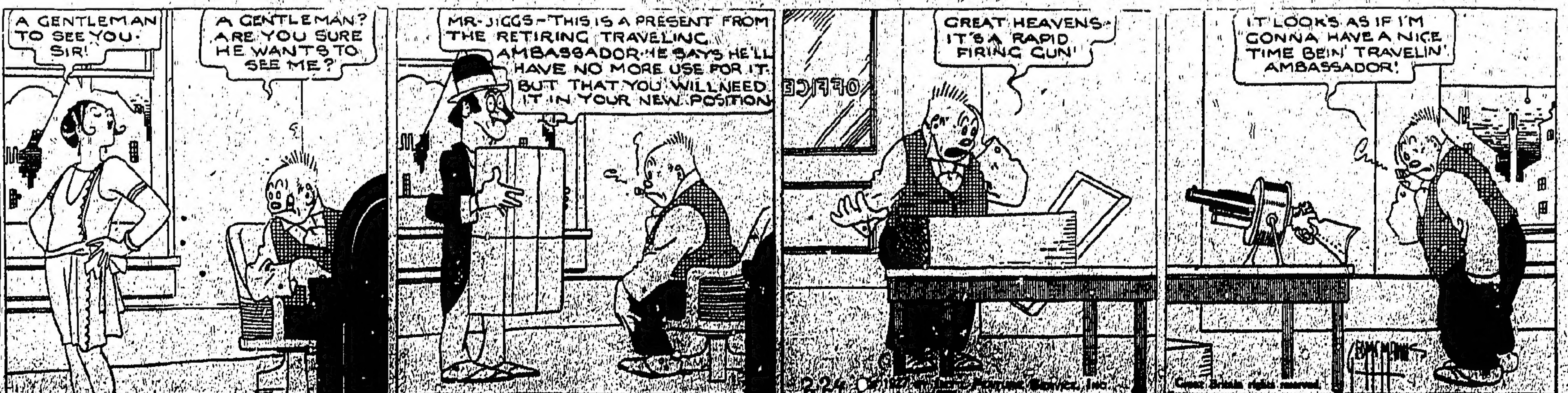
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A WEEK'S PAPERS IN ONE.

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Acknowledged as "the link with Hong Kong," this week's issue should be sent to all friends abroad to let them understand what is happening all over China.

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Most difficult for foreigners to understand is the split in the Nationalist Party, a quarrel on which the eyes of the world are turned. The daily reports, backed up by notes in concise form, will give the information that is sought.

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"DEATH & AFTER."

THEOSOPHICAL SOCIETY
LECTURE.

CONSTITUTION OF MAN.

Mr. H. E. Lanepart gave an address on "Death and After" at Thursday's weekly public meeting of the Theosophical Society (Hong Kong Lodge). An extract of his observations follows:

The constitution of man according to the Esoteric Philosophy is seven-fold, consisting of the immortal triad—individuality—spirit as will, spirit as intuition, and spirit as intellect—and of the perishable quaternary—the person—constituted of the concrete mind-body, the desire-body, the etheric double (the instrument of vitality), and the physical body.

Death is a complicated process consisting of a repeated unrobing or unshedding, wherein the immortal part of man shakes off from itself, one after the other, its outer mortal casings, passing itself after the dropping of each body into a higher state of consciousness.

Man's True Nature.
Life depends by no means on the functioning through the physical body. On the contrary, the lawful stepping out of the dense body results in a vastly increased freedom and vividness of life, for man is primarily and potentially divine.

When man recognises his true nature and begins to identify himself with the immortal triad, the divine will, intuition and intelligence in him (and not with his bodies of action, of feeling and of concrete thought), he then begins to know that "Life" has nothing to do with his various bodies and with this material plane, but that life is his conscious existence, unbroken, unbreakable, and that the brief interludes in that life, during which he dwells on earth, are but a minute fraction of his conscious existence, which he is less alive because of the heavy material coverings that weigh him down.

The Moment of Death.
Therefore at death he steps out again of the prison of bodily forms and is one step nearer to the reality.

At the moment of death the man, clad in his higher principles and the etheric double, the outer conductor of the vitality, withdraws from the physical body and the snapping of the last tie between it and the etheric double marks the actual moment of death for the physical body.

When the etheric double finally quits the body, it does not travel any distance from it. Normally it remains floating over the body, the man's state of consciousness being dreamy and peaceful, unless tumultuous distress and violent emotion surrounds the corpse from which it has just separated itself.

During the slow process of dying, while the etheric double is withdrawing from the body, taking with it the higher principles, as after it has withdrawn, extreme quiet and self-control should be observed in the death chamber, for during this time the whole life passes swiftly in review before the Ego, the immortal individual.

Passing On.
One should at such moments speak in whispers, not to disturb the quiet ripple of thought and not hinder the busy work of reviewing the entire past.

As the days go on, the five higher principles gradually disengage themselves from the etheric double and shake the off as they previously shook off the grosser body. They pass on, as a five-fold entity into the next state, where the desire body of the man becomes intensely self-conscious, while the etheric double is left behind as a corpse.

The desire body causes for a longer or shorter period a delay to the onward movement of the departed, till the desires have worn themselves out through lack of gratification and fade away to a point at which they can no longer detain the soul with their clinging arms.

The stronger and the grosser the desires of a man have been during life, the longer and more distressing is the process of their starvation in the desire or astral world.

Difference in Suicides.
The position of responsible suicides is different. These, to the day when they would have died a natural death are separated from their higher principles by a guile in consciousness.

If such Ego was destined to live, say, eighty or ninety years—but killed himself, left us suppose at the age of twenty—he would have to pass in the desire world not only the average length of time, but in this case sixty or seventy years, as an "earth-walker."

For although they have destroyed the body, they find themselves precisely as much alive mentally as before, for they are unable to free themselves from their etheric double, which is the counterpart of the physical body, and is invulnerable to physical means of destruction, until its appointed time for disintegration arrives.

Temporary Insanity.

So they may destroy the body, but not the appointed time of sentient existence, foredoomed (because simply the effect of a plexus of causes) to intervene before the dissolution of the personality. This must run on for its appointed period. Such responsible suicides find themselves terribly alive and awake, with all the cravings, and desires that embittered his earth life, all that which drove him into his rash act still with him. However, a man, who causes his death in a fit of temporary insanity, is not a felon de se and does not undergo

the agonies, which an ordinary suicide inevitably has to endure; but he falls asleep in the same way as victims of sudden accidents, till the end of his natural life period arrives, and he is free to enter a higher state of consciousness, and to proceed on his normal way to self-realisation, and finally returns to earth, after a prolonged stay in the mental and heaven world.

Return to Earth Repeated.
All souls pass after a shorter or longer period spent in the desire or astral world, till the unstilled desires in them have died out, and the desire body has dropped away, into the higher mental or heaven world, where nothing that defileth can enter, for gross matter has been left behind with all its desires and selfish thoughts.

There the Ego reaps a just harvest of unalloyed bliss, commensurate with all the good and noble loving deeds done during his time on earth. But if the sower has sown but little seed, the heavenly harvest of bliss will be meagre and short-lived, and the growth of the soul in divine self-realisation will be delayed by the paucity of nutriment on which it has to feed. And when the Ego has tabulated all earthly experience, gone over it, and assimilated its experience by building it as capacities, and tendencies into the soul, then the hunger for more experience causes the soul to return to earth and to incarnate in a new set of mortal instruments or bodies.

This process of dying and returning to earth is repeated: till the soul has learnt all the lessons the earth can teach.

HOLY WEEK.

CATHEDRAL and OTHER SERVICES.

Below is given the list of services at St. John's Cathedral during Holy Week, also services at the Peak Church and St. Peter's Church on Easter Sunday.

St. John's Cathedral.
Sixth Sunday in Lent, April 10:
—Holy Communion 8 a.m.; Matins and Sermon 11 a.m.; Evensong and Sermon 6 p.m.

Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday before Easter—Holy Communion 7.45 a.m.; Matins 10.15 a.m.; Evensong 5 p.m. and address by Rev. W. R. Cannel, Subject:—Monday, the Sublimest Prayer.

Tuesday, the Mystery of Pain.
Wednesday, Bearing the Cross.
Thursday before Easter—Holy Communion 7.45 a.m.; and Matins 10.15 a.m.

Good Friday—Litany and Ante-Communion 10 a.m.; Matins and Sermon 11 a.m. Preacher: Rev. W. R. Cannel (subject: The Loneliness of Christ); Meditation on the Passion 12 noon to 3 p.m., conducted by Rev. H. Copley Moyle. Persons entering or leaving during the three hours' service are requested to do so during the singing of the hymns; Evensong 6 p.m. and preparation for Easter Communion; Vocal and Instrumental Recital 9.15 p.m. Soloists will include Mrs. Sanger (soprano), Mrs. Aubrey (violin), Mr. A. P. Glanville (bass).

Easter Eve, Saturday—Holy Communion 7.45 a.m.; Evensong 6 p.m.—The Chaplains will be in the vestry after any of the services.

Easter Sunday, April 17—7 a.m. the Holy Communion; 8 a.m. the Holy Communion (choral); 11 a.m. Matins and Sermon. Preacher: Rev. H. Copley Moyle; 12 noon the Holy Communion; 3 p.m. Flower Service for children. Address by Rev. N. V. Hayward; 6 p.m. Evensong and Sermon. Preacher: Rev. W. R. Cannel.

Peak Church—Easter Sunday: 8 a.m. the Holy Communion; 11 a.m. St. Peter's Church—Easter Sunday: 8 a.m. the Holy Communion; 11 a.m. Choral Eucharist.

VACCINATION FIGURES.

The number of Chinese vaccinated free of charge by members of the St. John Ambulance Brigade, up to and including this Thursday was:—

Chinese Y.M.C.A. Division 24,455; King's College Division 5,587; Railway Division 4,013; Indian Division 4,552; Kowloon Division 21,072; Mongkok Division 4,672; Shaikwan Division 3,433; St. Joseph's College Division 951; Un Long Division 320. Total 69,065.



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WATER SUPPLY.

COMPARATIVE RESERVOIR FIGURES.

MORE NOW IN STORE.

Most of the local reservoirs show higher levels on April 1 than at the same time last year, the total storage in Hong Kong being 1,191.66 million gallons as compared with 683.55 million gallons at the same time last year. The average consumption per head per day is higher this year (17.7 gallons as compared with 16).

There was an intermittent supply in all rider main districts West of Garden Road during March, 1927 and a full supply in all rider main districts East of Garden Road during March 1927. This compares with an intermittent supply in all rider main districts up to March 14, last year, services to houses in the rider main districts being given by public street fountains only from March 15, 1926.

Kowloon Supplies.
Kowloon is no less better a position as compared with last year, there being 249.02 million gallons in store as compared with 151.95 last year, this in spite of the surprising increase in average consumption per head per day (12.7 the official figures are correct) from 7 gallons to 15.6.

There was a restricted supply in all districts during March, 1926 and a full supply in all districts during March 1927.

Level and Storage of water in Reservoirs on April 1, 1927—

CITY AND HILL DISTRICT WATER WORKS LEVEL.	1926	1927
Tytam	37' 1" E. 10' 1" E.	
Tytam Byewash	21' 2" E. 23' 3" E.	
Tytam Intermediate	34' 7" E. 22' 0" E.	
Tytam Tuk	52' 5" E. 32' 3" E.	
Wong Nei Chung	28' 6" E. 15' 0" E.	
Pokfulam	15' 9" E. 18' 0" E.	
[Note: B. denotes "Below Overflow"]		
A denotes "Above Overflow"		
Storage in millions and decimals of gallons.	1926	1927
Tytam	141.67	304.30
Tytam Byewash	221	1.37
Tytam Intermediate	53.80	98.20
Tytam Tuk	450.60	751.74
Wong Nei Chung	473	13.72
Pokfulam	50.58	27.24

Total consumption of water in the City and Hill District in millions and decimals of gallons during the month of March:—

	1926	1927
Consumption	198.26	210.75
Estimated population 399,380	410,200	
Consumption per head per day (gallons)	16.0	17.0

Intermittent Supply in all Rider Main Districts up to March 14, and services to houses in the Rider Main Districts were disconnected and a Supply was given by public street fountains only from March 15, 1926. Intermittent Supply in all Rider Main Districts West of Garden Road during March 1927 and Full Supply in all Rider Main Districts East of Garden Road during March 1927.

KOWLOON WATER WORKS LEVEL.

	1926	1927
Kowloon Reservoir	23' 8" E. 17' 9" E.	
Shik Lai Pui Reservoir	34' 1" E. 21' 5" E.	
Reception Reservoir	15	25.60
Storage in millions and decimals of gallons.	1926	1927
Kowloon Reservoir	151.80	193.39
Shik Lai Pui Reservoir	15	25.60
Reception Reservoir	27.03	

Total consumption of water in Kowloon in millions and decimals of gallons during the month of March.

	1926	1927
Consumption	33.54	77.45
Estimated population 154,380	158,400	
Consumption per head per day (gallons)	7.0	15.6

Restricted Supply in all districts during March 1926. Full supply in all districts during March 1927.

The Government Analysts' reports show that the quality of the water is satisfactory.

Total rainfall to March 31, 1926, 7.45; March 31, 1927, 9.20.

EASTERN PORTS' HEALTH.

The health bulletin of Eastern ports for the week ended April 2 reads:—

Plague: 1 case at Alexandria, 9 at Bassel, 6 at Bombay, 1 at Rangoon, 4 at Colombo.

Cholera: 4 cases at Bassel, 59 at Calcutta, 1 at Rangoon, 13 at Bangkok, 3 at Saigon.

Small-pox: 1 case at Alexandria, 85 at Bombay, 306 at Calcutta, 5 at Karachi, 20 at Madras, 1 at Negapatam, 48 at Rangoon, 1 at Singapore, 3 at Bangkok, 1 at Saigon, 1 at Kobe, 1 at Osaka.

If Schubert lived to-day he could not die of starvation.—Sir Landon Ronald.

As a nation we are not very good in selling our goods; we depend too exclusively on quality.—Mr. Lloyd George.

Progressive legislation being admittedly an uphill task, what appears to be needed is not a brake, but an accelerator, not a Second Chamber, but a second gear.—Mr. A. Burratt Brown.

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Canada, U.S.A., Japan & Shanghai	9	Empress of Russia.
Straits	10	Glaucus.
Shanghai	11	Sanning.
Europe via Negapatam (letters and papers)	12	Yuen-sang.
London, 10th March	13	President Polk.
U.S.A., Honolulu, Japan & Shanghai	14	President Taff.
U.S.A., Honolulu, Japan & Shanghai	15	General Metzinger.
Japan & Shanghai	16	Chenonceaux.
Saiton	17	Korea Maru.
U.S.A., Canada, Japan & Shanghai	18	Devanha.
Japan & Shanghai	19	President McKinley.
U.S.A., Honolulu, Japan & Shanghai	20	Hakone Maru.
Straits	21	

OUTWARD MAILS.

For	SATURDAY, APRIL	Per
Manila & parcels for Germany via Hamburg	1.30 p.m.	Albert Vogler
Formosa	3.30 p.m.	Scheer
Swatow	5 p.m.	Liangchow
Amoy	5 p.m.	Kingyuan
Swatow, Amoy & Formosa	9 a.m.	Hozan Maru
Manila	9 a.m.	Empress of Russia
Swatow & Bangkok	9 a.m.	Kalkan
Shanghai & Europe via Siberia	Noon	Glaucus
Straits, Ceylon, India, Mauritius, E. & S. Africa, Egypt & Europe via Marseilles—due Marseilles 9th May. Parcels 10 a.m. Registration 1.45 p.m. Letters 2.30 p.m.	12	Khyber
Swatow, Amoy & Fochow	Noon	Hai Ching
Saiton, Ceylon, India, Mauritius, E. & S. Africa, Aden, Egypt & Europe via Marseilles—due Marseilles 13th May. Registration 1.45 p.m. Letters 2.30 p.m.	5 p.m.	General Metzinger
Swatow	5 p.m.	Wai Shing
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Wohelwei	2.30 p.m.	
Shanghai & Caledonia. Parcels 9 a.m. Letters 9 a.m.	2 p.m.	Kutsang
Straits	2 p.m.	Cremer
Swatow, Amoy & Fochow	9 a.m.	Hai Hong
Saiton, Ceylon, India, Mauritius, E. & S. Africa, Aden, Egypt & Europe via Marseilles—due Marseilles 14th May. Parcels 5 p.m. Registration (16th) 9.45 a.m. Letters 10.30 a.m.		Devanha.

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COUNCIL MEMBERS.

EXECUTIVE & LEGISLATIVE APPOINTMENT.

MR. BERNARD & MR. HYNES.

The current "Gazette" announces two new appointments in connection with the Executive and Legislative Councils, due to the departure of the Hon. Mr. A. O. Lang, who was a member of both Councils.
The Hon. Mr. D. G. M. Bernard is appointed to the Executive Council. Mr. Bernard served on the Legislative Council as a nominated member during earlier associations with the Colony. He succeeded to the position of Chairman of the Court of Directors, Hong Kong and Shanghai Banking Corporation, Managing Director of Jardine, Matheson and Co., Ltd., and holds numerous other important local appointments in connection with the administration of well-known business.

Mr. A. C. Hynes is appointed a member of the Legislative Council. Mr. Hynes succeeded to the Chief Magistracy of the Hong Kong and Shanghai Banking Corporation during the absence on leave of Mr. A. H. Barlow. He is an Unofficial Justice of the Peace and has been associated with the Hong Kong branch of the Bank for a number of years.

HOSPITAL COMFORTS

ARTICLES THAT ARE NEEDED.

In connection with the appeal that is to be made for Hospital Comforts locally, we are asked to state that the following articles will prove of much use: dressing gowns; small cruet sets; easy wicker chairs; small wicker tables; dust pans and brushes; brushes; hand sweeping; O Cedar Mops; bath mats—work for officers' wards; bed jackets; bed spreads; small ward dressing trolleys; pairs operating room stockings; net fly-covers for food etc. trolleys; small tea pots; small milk jugs; small sugar basins and small glass water jugs (as tea sets for officers' wards); chart (temperature); boards; ink stands; blotting pads; pen trays; enamelled jugs 2 quarts; small kettles; sauce pans (enamelled); 2 pint; gramophones and records; games; packs of cards; books; note paper and envelopes; long handed polishers for ward floors; long handed sweeping brushes; common mops; jugs and basins for medical officers use (surgical wards) and wardrobes for officers' wards.

BANK NOTES.

Returns of the average amount of Bank Notes in circulation and of specie in reserve in Hong Kong during the month ended March 31, 1927 (as certified by the Managers of the respective Banks):

Banks	Average Amount	Specie in Reserve
Chartered Bank of India, Australia and China	15,585,922	5,800,000
Hong Kong and Shanghai Banking Corporation	53,469,709	34,000,000
Mercantile Bank of India, Ltd.	1,730,229	580,000
Total	70,785,860	40,380,000

In addition Sterling Securities deposited with the Crown Agents valued at 21,200,000.
In addition Securities deposited with the Crown Agents and Straits Government valued at 23,100,000.
In addition Securities deposited with the Crown Agents valued at 21,000,000.

The following statement of the securities lodged with the Crown Agents by the Mercantile Bank of India, Limited, against their notes in circulation, is published for general information under Section 5 of the Mercantile Bank Note Issue Ordinance, 1914, (Ordinance No. 65 of 1911):

Security	Amount mkt. price
4 1/2% Treasury Bonds repayable at 100 in 1930	21,300,000 102-102 1/2

To-day's "Government Gazette" contains the new Order of His Majesty in Council governing appeals to the Privy Council. The regulations cover nineteen pages and include the fees.

TUNNEL HOLD-UP.

KOWLOON RAILWAYMAN ROBBED.

While bending down to examine the lines in No. 3 tunnel of the Kowloon-Canton Railway yesterday morning, Tse Sze (a keyman) was struck on the head by an assailant who held a piece of rock.
The workman was then assaulted with a stick and he fell to the ground unconscious.
A metal watch and chain (valued at \$4.50) and \$3 in money were taken from him.
No. 3 tunnel is in the Sha Tin district.

"H.M.S. PINAFORE."

PROMISE FOR TO-NIGHT'S SHOW.

After a rest from evening performances, the Philharmonic Society members taking part in the presentation of "H.M.S. Pinafore" returned fresh to their respective parts last night, the performance being of a high standard and greatly entertaining the audience.
The second Act, which has been somewhat of a stumbling block, went with much more of a swing and at to-night's (last) performance lovers of Gilbert and Sullivan should be entertained to an excellent all-round presentation of this delightful opera. Those taking part certainly deserve the high praise and congratulations of the public for the time and trouble they have given to the preliminary work and the finished "product."

KOWLOON CITY MURDER.

Two men have been detained by the Criminal Investigation Department in connection with the murder of the Chinese woman who was hacked to death in her house at Chuk On village, Kowloon City, on Wednesday night.
After recovering consciousness, the deceased woman gave the Police descriptions of two men whom she accused, one of whom she claimed to have known for some time.
The two arrested men were formally charged at the Kowloon Magistracy this morning and remanded for a week.

POLICE INSPECTION.

H.E. the Governor (Sir Cecil Clementi) is to inspect the Hong Kong Police in the Central Station compound at 3 p.m. on Tuesday, April 12 (and not April 19 as stated yesterday).
Medals, commendations and musketry trophies will be handed out at the annual inspection.

Mr. Hau Lu and Mr. Ku Sing-cheong have been appointed forest officers.

The name of the Hong Kong Lumber Company, Limited has been struck off the register.

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CHEKA VICTIMS.

PRINCE DOLGORUKOFF EXECUTED.

A DRAMATIC STORY.

The black motor lorry which nightly leaves the courtyard of Lubanka Prison at Moscow with corpses of persons executed in the basement of the most dreaded Cheka prison in Russia took the body of another Russian Prince to a nameless grave in the suburbs of Moscow.

According to an item published in the "Vechernya Moskva" ("Evening Moscow") newspaper Prince Dolgorukoff was executed by order of the Soviet Peoples Commissars.

Accompanied by eighteen other men sentenced to capital punishment Prince Dolgorukoff was marched into the basement of the Lubanka Prison where a single revolver shot in the back of the head killed him and his companions in turn.

The execution of the Prince according to the Soviet newspaper has brought to light a dramatic story. The Prince had twice attempted to enter Russia to visit estates in the Kursk district where his family had hidden a store of treasure.

Last November Prince Dolgorukoff met a Russian in Paris who claimed to have influence with the Soviet Legation there. This Russian offered to obtain false passports to enter Russia and volunteered to accompany the Prince in order to show that there was no treachery intended. Crossing the Polish-Russian frontier the pair finally reached Kursk, where, in due course, Prince Dolgorukoff found the family treasure untouched. He divided the treasure with his guide, as arranged. A few hours later the Prince was arrested, his guide turning out to be a trusted Cheka agent, who had been sent from Moscow to lure him into Russia.

The treasure of the Dolgorukoff family has been confiscated, and the Cheka agent who betrayed the Prince, and whose name has not been disclosed, has been promoted.

Under modern conditions, there is no necessary place for sculpture except on the mantel-shelf or in the museum.—Mr. Eric Gill.

The modern woman's clothing resembles buried wire: it protects the property without obstructing the view.—Mrs. E. M. Wood.

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